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STATE OF DISUNION

Trump uses address to campaign; Pelosi shreds speech

By JONATHAN LEMIRE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Standing before a Congress and a nation sharply divided by impeachment, President Donald Trump used his State of the Union address to extol a “Great American Comeback” on his watch, just three years after he took office decrying a land of “American carnage” under his predecessor.

The partisan discord was on vivid display

Tuesday as the first president to campaign for reelection after being impeached made his case for another term: Republican legislators chanted “Four More Years.” House Speaker Nancy Pelosi ripped up her copy of Trump’s speech as he ended the address.

“America’s enemies are on the rise, America’s fortunes are on the rise and America’s future is blazing bright,” Trump declared. “In just three short years, we have shattered the mentality of American decline and we have

rejected the downsizing of America’s destiny. We are moving forward at a pace that was unimaginable just a short time ago, and we are never going back.”

Holding out the nation’s economic success as the chief rationale for a second term, Trump’s speech resembled a lower-volume version of his campaign rallies, providing something for every section of his political base.

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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., tears up her advance copy of President Donald Trump’s State of the Union address after Tuesday’s speech on Capitol Hill in Washington.

TONI L. SANDYS
The Washington Post

Army offers \$60,000 bonuses for new air defense warrant officers

By JOHN VANDIVER
Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — The Army is offering big bucks to lure more warrant officers into the air defense artillery branch, where specialists are in high de-

mand to meet an expanding set of global missions.

The Army said it will pay a \$60,000 bonus in the hopes of attracting new warrant officers to fill manning gaps. Sixty-eight new ADA warrant officers are needed each year, Chief Warrant

Officer 4 Jonathon Boone said in a recent Army statement.

“We always need three warrant officers per (ADA) unit, and 12 warrant officers per battalion,” Boone said.

There are three ADA warrant officer specialties: command and

control systems integrator, air and missile defense tactician, and air and missile defense systems technician.

The \$60,000 bonus is open just to new defense tacticians and technicians, the Army said.

The service added it will accept

warrant applicants from service members in other branches interested in switching to the Army.

The Army has recently placed Short-Range Air Defense capabilities near the top of its priority

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BUSINESS/WEATHER

Airline asks staff to take unpaid leave over outbreak

Associated Press

HONG KONG — Cathay Pacific Airways asked its 27,000 employees on Wednesday to take three weeks of unpaid leave while the Hong Kong carrier struggles with plunging revenue due to China's virus outbreak.

In a video message to employees, CEO Augustus Tang said that the situation is as grave as the 2009 financial crisis, The South China Morning Post reported.

On Tuesday, Cathay announced

a 90% reduction in flight capacity to mainland China, which has canceled group tours and told businesspeople to put off foreign travel while Beijing fights the outbreak centered on the city of Wuhan.

The airline cut 30% of its worldwide capacity for two months.

Employees were asked to take "special leave" some time between March 1 and June 30, a Cathay statement said.

"Preserving cash is the key to protecting our business," the airline said.

line said.

The airline used similar "special leave" in 2009 and during the 2003 outbreak of SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome, which also led to cuts in flights.

"I am appealing to each and everyone one of you to help," Tang said.

The little-understood coronavirus has killed nearly 500 people, mostly in mainland China, but it has also spread panic and anger around the world as the cases grow.

EXCHANGE RATES

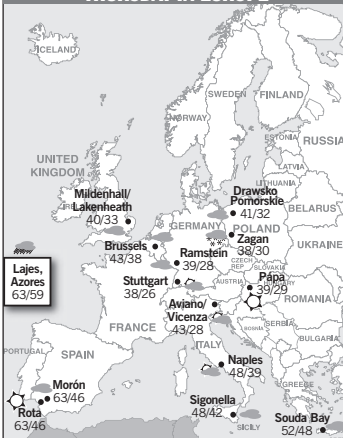
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Euro costs (Jan. 6)	\$1.1313	Thailand (Baht)	30.96
Dollar buys (Jan. 6)	60.8839	Turkey (Lira)	5.9790
British pound (Jan. 6)	\$1.34	(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)	
Japanese yen (Jan. 6)	105.00	INTEREST RATES	
South Korean won (Jan. 6)	1,157.00	Prime rate	4.75
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Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770	Federal funds market rate	1.59
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WAR/MILITARY

Baghdad tells its military to cease reliance on US

By QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA
AND SAMYA KULLAB
Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The Iraqi government has told its military not to seek assistance from the U.S.-led coalition forces in operations against Islamic State, two senior Iraqi military officials said. The move comes amid a crisis of mistrust tainting U.S.-Iraq ties after an American strike killed a top Iranian general and Iraqi militia commander.

Officially, the Iraqi military announced Jan. 30 that it and the coalition resumed joint military operations after a three-week halt. The pause was called amid soaring tensions following the Jan. 3 U.S. airstrike ordered by President Donald Trump that killed Iranian Maj. Gen. Qassem Soleimani and senior Iraqi militia leader Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis.

But in practice, Iraqis are seeking to minimize coalition

assistance against ISIS, based on government orders, two Iraqi military officials and one militia official said this week.

"After the killing of Soleimani, the Iraqi government decided to inform us formally not to cooperate and not to seek assistance from the U.S.-led international coalition in any operation," a senior military intelligence official told The Associated Press.

The U.S.-led coalition paused its mission to fight ISIS in Iraq on Jan. 5 in the wake of the strike. That same day Shiite lawmakers, irate by what they called a flagrant violation of sovereignty, pushed a non-binding resolution requesting that the government cancel legal agreements that provide the basis for U.S. troop presence in the country.

Outgoing Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi has stated publicly that U.S. troops must go, but has stepped back from unilaterally canceling existing agreements,



KHALID MOHAMMED/AP

U.S. soldiers stand near their vehicle on a joint base with the Iraqi army in 2017. The Iraqi government has told its military not to seek assistance from U.S.-led coalition forces in operations against the Islamic State group, two senior Iraqi military officials said.

saying the matter was up to the next prime minister to decide. Prime Minister-designate Mohammed Allawi has not made his policy toward the troop presence known.

Some 5,200 U.S. soldiers are stationed in Iraqi bases to support local troops fighting ISIS. They are part of a larger international coalition invited by the Iraqi government in 2014.

A commander in Iraq's elite U.S.-trained Counter-Terrorism Services in western Anbar province said some training continues, but "as for military operations and carrying out operations, there is no support."

According to coalition spokesperson Col. Myles Caggins, no airstrikes have been conducted

since the killing of Soleimani.

"The Iraqis have not requested assistance with airstrikes in recent weeks, while our operations are paused. All Coalition airstrikes have been coordinated with the Iraqi Security Forces for years," he said.

U.S. Marine Gen. Frank McKenzie, the top American commander for the Middle East, met Tuesday with Iraqi leaders and acknowledged that joint military operations and training have been scaled back, though he said U.S. special operations forces are doing some missions with Iraqi commandos.

"We're still in a period of turbulence. We've got a ways to go," he said.

SEAL on trial in nude pics scheme

By BROCK VERGAKIS
The Virginian-Pilot (Norfolk)

NORFOLK, Va. — A court-martial for a member of the Navy's SEAL Team 6 who has been charged in connection with a scheme to receive nude photographs from a woman he worked with began Tuesday.

Military prosecutors say Petty Officer 1st Class Aaron Howard allegedly used text messaging apps that allowed him to use a fake phone number and pretend to be someone he is not in order to request nude pictures.

Lt. Kirwinn Mike, a Navy prosecutor, accused Howard of pretending to be a female performer and a dietitian who worked for Naval Special Warfare Development Group. Mike said that while pretending to be the dietitian, Howard told a woman by text message that he could provide her a body-fat analysis if she tested a piece of her own navel from the neck down and provided other measurements.

"It's 100% safe," one text message said. "You don't have to worry."

"He was willing to be whoever he needed to be to get those photos," Mike said during opening statements.

Eventually, the woman who was asked for a nude photograph became suspicious and contacted the person the messages were purportedly sent from. The real dietitian then contacted authorities because she worried that other questions that were asked about SEAL identities could be a threat, perhaps from a foreign intelligence service.

Howard's civilian defense attorney countered that while the text messages are real, there's no evidence Howard sent them. Nor are there any nude photos on his phone or the victim's phone.

"Their case is in shambles," Michael Waddington said. "You pull one string, it falls apart."

Mike said Naval Criminal Investigative Service investigators were able to trace the apps to an internet protocol address registered to Howard's Virginia Beach home.

But Waddington said the email address used to create the text messaging accounts was linked with another SEAL's nickname and that Howard was in Afghanistan when the original email account was created in Iowa. He said anyone could have linked that email address to Howard's IP address.

He also said there's some doubt on the NCIS investigation during opening statements by saying investigators were given the names of 23 people the messages could've been from, but they failed to follow up on those leads.

The court-martial at Naval Station Norfolk is scheduled to last through Friday.

Army works to reduce suicides in Alaska

By WYATT OLSON
Stars and Stripes

The Army has launched a series of improvements aimed at reducing the risk of suicide in Alaska after a spike in deaths that peaked last year, the service said Monday.

The short- and long-term initiatives — better access to behavioral health care, improved fitness facilities, healthier food options and blackout blinds to battle sleep issues — are an attempt to "enrich the morale and quality of life for troops and families" stationed with U.S. Army Alaska, an Army news release said.

In the wake of five soldier suicides in Alaska from May 2018 to April 2019, U.S. Army Public Health Center's Behavioral Health and Social Outcome Program conducted an epidemiological study to determine why the surge in suicides happened, the service said.

It identified 11 Army Alaska suicides from January 2014 through March 2019 and found multiple risk factors, including issues with pain, sleeplessness and relationships.

About 11% of Fort Wainwright soldiers reported having suicidal thoughts in the previous month, the Army's public health center found in an online survey.

The study found that the most common reasons soldiers did not seek mental health care were related to stigma — for example,



ALEJANDRO PENA/U.S. Air Force

Soldiers with U.S. Army Alaska compete in the Best Warrior Competition at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in April. The Army has launched a series of improvements aimed at reducing the risk of suicide in Alaska after a spike in deaths that peaked last year.

being seen as weak or harming their career.

Soldiers also blamed chronic sleeplessness on Alaska's extended daylight during the summer, which can last for up to 21 hours, the Army said. Barracks windows are slated to receive blackout blinds by May 1.

"Suicide is a horrible, difficult issue and one in which our behavioral health scientists have worked very hard," Secretary of the Army Ryan McCarthy said during a press briefing Monday

at Fort Wainwright.

McCarthy and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael Grinston spent Monday touring Fort Wainwright facilities and talking with soldiers to determine what improvements should be included in the 2022 defense budget, the Army said.

Most of the roughly 13,000 active-duty soldiers in Alaska are based either at Wainwright in Fairbanks or Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage.

The Army said that at the urging of soldiers, access to workout

facilities had been expanded to 24 hours a day. About \$910,000 in new equipment is expected to arrive at Wainwright's two gyms by April.

The Army is also moving to provide easier access to high-quality and affordable food.

"We put investments in getting above and beyond the rate that is allocated per Soldier, so we can get higher-quality foods into those dining facilities," Maj. Gen. Peter Andriyski, U.S. Army Alaska commanding general, said in the news release.

As of this month, the so-called basic daily food allowance at Alaska installments increased by 25 percent, which will give dining facility managers a bigger budget for higher quality food, the Army said.

Andriyski said the Army had also installed Wi-Fi and new televisions in dining facilities.

The Army's Alaska Medical Department formed an outpatient behavioral health program that began taking referrals in December, with the first patients now receiving care, the Army said.

Another planned initiative would give soldiers more extended time off and more entertainment options for troops and families.

McCarthy said on Monday that identifying suicide warning signs "must become part of our DNA."

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MILITARY

'US Navy' coveralls sell out on Urban Outfitters' website

By CHRISTIAN LOPEZ
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A \$120 pair of blue "U.S. Navy" coveralls, the baggy attire worn by some sailors at work, has sold out on a fast-fashion retailer Urban Outfitters' website.

Posted as a "vintage item," the one pair listed for sale was no longer available Wednesday.

"Only one pair is available for purchase by one lucky customer, so get them before they're gone!" Urban Outfitters stated on the sale page. "Please note, this vintage item is final sale and cannot be returned or exchanged."

The mark-up was substantial; a pair of standard-issue Navy coveralls sells for \$27.89 on the Navy Exchange website.

Navy uniform guidance indicates coveralls are worn at the commander's discretion and to avoid soiling other uniforms. According to regulations, coveralls are worn with black boots, black socks, a black belt with a silver clip, a silver buckle and the service member's name on a white fabric tape on the right of the chest.

The Urban Outfitters version bore a name tape for someone named "King."

People who commented on the coverall sale page had a field day.

"I'm selling some that come in 'New recruit blue' and 'Working party worn' for that 'distressed' look," wrote someone with the username SN_Smuckatelli. "Go talk to a Navy recruiter, they'll show you how to get 3 pair for free!"

'Go talk to a Navy recruiter, they'll show you how to get 3 pair for free!'

username SN_Smuckatelli
commenting on the Urban Outfitters website

Another identified as moll15 added: "I had to go through bootcamp to get them. If you're not ready to commit to the life of a Navy sailor, then don't wear our uniforms."

In 2017, Forever 21 received similar criticism for marketing its own brand of military-style clothing, in this case a "repurposed" Army physical-training T-shirt bearing the stylized graphic "A."

One version came in gray and slit up the back; another was black and open in front with a choker-style collar. The sales pitch drew flak from several corners: "Now you can sneak out of his barracks in style."

The clothing chain removed the items after negative remarks were posted on its website.

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A pair of U.S. Navy-inspired coveralls that were on sale for \$120 at Urban Outfitters.

Urban Outfitters



Airman dies in motorcycle crash in Japan

Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — An airman was killed in a motorcycle accident Wednesday morning at the home of U.S. Forces Japan in western Tokyo, base officials said.

The service member, assigned to Yokota, was pronounced dead at approximately 8:25 a.m. after being taken to the base's medical facility, the 374th Airlift Wing said in a statement.

No other vehicles were involved in the accident, officials said. The airman's name was being withheld for 24 hours.

The last motorcycle fatality at Yokota happened in January 2014, when a rider was killed in a crash in front of the Yokota Community Center.

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Correction

A Feb. 4 article about Matt Morgan, who died while scuba diving off Okinawa, should have listed his rank as staff sergeant.

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PACIFIC

Japan quarantines cruise ship over virus

Associated Press

TOKYO — Large white sheets covering them head-to-knee, people infected with a new virus were led by gloved and masked officials Wednesday off a Japanese cruise ship, while the rest of the 3,700 people on board faced a two-week quarantine in their cabins. In Hong Kong, more than 3,600 people on another cruise ship were to be screened amid it was banned by Taiwan amid growing worry about the spread of an outbreak.

The ships are caught up in a global health emergency that seems to worsen by the day. The coronavirus has killed nearly 500 people, mostly in China, and has spread panic and anger around the world.

As thousands of hospital workers in Hong Kong went on strike to demand the border with mainland China be closed completely, the city announced that all people entering from the mainland, including Hong Kong residents, must be quarantined for 14 days. Tokyo Olympics organizers, meanwhile, said they are increasingly worried about the disruption the virus is causing ahead of the games, which open in less than six months.

Jets with 350 American evacuees land at Travis

Associated Press

FAIRFIELD, Calif. — Two jets carrying about 350 Americans fleeing the virus zone in China landed Wednesday morning at an Air Force base in Northern California. Some will be quarantined at a hotel on the base for 14 days while others will go under quarantine at another military base, officials said.

Guests and staff at the hotel on Travis Air Force Base near the city of Fairfield, about 50 miles from San Francisco, were moved out ahead of the planes' arrival, said Technical Sgt. Traci Keller. The Americans were evacuated from the Chinese city of Wuhan, which

is at the center of the new virus outbreak.

Other planes carrying Americans home from Wuhan will arrive this week at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, and Egley Airfield in Omaha, Neb., where they will be quarantined, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control said in a statement.

Keller had no information about the passengers' health, but CDC officials were expected later Wednesday to provide more information.

One of the planes was scheduled to leave Travis Air Force Base later Wednesday to take Americans to the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar near San Diego.

The director-general of the World Health Organization, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, asked for \$675 million to help countries address the expected

spread of the virus. He acknowledged that the sum is a lot, but told a news briefing that "it's much less than the bill we will face if we do not invest in preparedness

now."

Tedros said in the last 24 hours, the U.N. health agency has seen the biggest jump in cases since the start of the epidemic.

China has strongly defended its control measures and called on other nations not to go overboard in their responses.

To reduce the danger of exposure for health workers, Beijing is seeking to develop a robot to administer throat tests. Separately, Shanghai announced that all schools will delay reopening until at least the end of February, rather than the middle of the month as originally planned. The exact date will depend on how the outbreak develops.

As examples of anti-Asian discrimination mount, U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres appealed for "international solidarity" and support for China and other countries hurt by the virus. He urged a stop to any stigmatization of innocent people.

In the port city of Yokohama, just outside Tokyo, health workers, some in protective white jumpsuits, transferred 10 patients from the Diamond Princess cruise ship to a Japanese coast guard boat next to it. The 10, covered in sheets to protect

their identities from cameras, were taken to a dock and put on ambulances bound for hospitals for treatment in isolation.

Health Minister Katsunobu Kato said all of the people on board will be quarantined on the ship for up to 14 days under Japanese law. The ship had 2,666 passengers and 1,045 crew members. Tests were pending on 273 people who had symptoms or had contact with a man who was diagnosed with the virus after leaving the ship in Hong Kong.

The Hong Kong ship passengers were being screened after three passengers on a previous voyage were diagnosed with the virus. The territory's beleaguered leader, Carrie Lam, also announced that two terminals — including the terminal where the cruise ship is currently quarantined — will be shut down.

The latest mainland China figures showed an increase of 65 deaths from the previous day, all the new deaths from Wuhan. The number of new cases increased to 24,324, a rise of 3,887 from the previous day. Outside mainland China, at least 230 cases have been confirmed, including two fatalities, one in Hong Kong and another in the Philippines.



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THE NEW SANNOS

MILITARY

Young Poles sing visiting soldiers' praises

By IMMANUEL JOHNSON
Stars and Stripes

ELK, Poland — U.S. and Romanian soldiers deployed to NATO's northeastern flank took a break from the finer points of strategic deterrence Wednesday, to the delight of dozens of singing kindergartners.

Seven service members were special guests at the Miejskie Przedszkole school in Elk, a city of about 60,000 people that lies 40 miles south of Kaliningrad, a Russian exclave and hub of military activity.

The U.S. and other NATO allies hold events like these throughout the world to build community relations that, in some countries, begin with little trust. It's an easier task in Poland, where NATO is a security cornerstone and 79% of Pew poll respondents last year viewed the U.S. favorably, higher than any other nation in Europe.

That popularity was evident among the children, who sang nursery rhymes and songs in front of about 100 people.

"There are three things in Poland everyone looks up to: firefighters, the military and police officers," school director Irena Wierzbicka said. "The kids are very happy you guys are here. Just to show you, everyone wanted to take pictures with you."

The goal of the singing competition, now in its 17th year, is to familiarize children with public speaking and singing. Wierzbicka said. Children from neighboring schools were also invited to participate.

"Everybody sings at home in the mirror, we try and get the kids ... so they can sing together," she said.

"Even though the holidays ended already, Christmas tradition in Poland is big. We wanted to wrap up the holiday season



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Above: U.S. Army Sgt. Austin Eveland, center, who is part of NATO's Enhanced Forward Presence, hands out school supplies to children at the Miejskie Przedszkole school in Elk, Poland, on Wednesday. Below: A Romanian soldier and guests watch a singing competition at the event.



with a concert."

The children were called up to the front of the room and re-

ceived certificates and gifts for their performances. U.S. Army Sgt. Austin Eveland, who is part

of NATO's Enhanced Forward Presence and has been in Poland since October, helped give out gifts after his family mailed school supplies.

Soldiers visit multiple schools in Poland, where they teach the kids American games and in turn learn about Polish games, Eveland said.

"We speak English to them, hang out and show our presence," said Eveland, of the 652nd Regional Support Group at Fort Harrison, Mont.

Wierzbicka also invited the sol-



Edyta Dabrowska, a teacher, helps Kindeza Rydzewska, center, as she sings at the event.

diers to a talent show in Elk that will feature singing, dancing and sports on April 25. Eveland said the U.S. side would be represented there.

"The goal here is to show the local community and the schools that (soldiers) are real people too, and not just protecting freedom," Eveland said.

Antoniemu Mikolajczyk, 6, said he plans to sing in the future and was grateful for the audience.

"It is very nice and makes me happy that people came to watch," he said.

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Mail delivery to service members in Iraq resumes after suspension

Stars and Stripes

U.S. troops in Iraq could soon see more care packages inbound.

Mail delivery to military APO and FPO addresses in the country has resumed after the Jan. 8 suspension that began in the wake of the U.S. killing of a top Iranian official and a retaliatory strike by Iran on two bases housing American forces.

Deliveries to several posts were temporarily stopped Jan. 13, reportedly to prepare a backlog of mail in the days after the Jan. 8 ballistic missile strike that hit al Asad Air Base in western Anbar province and a base at the international airport in Irbil, the capital of Iraq's Kurdistan region.

U.S. Central Command referred questions about the mail service this week to the State Department, where an official

confirmed that deliveries had resumed.

The mailroom was operating normally "despite some earlier distribution delays," an unnamed official at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad said Monday in response to a query.

"We regret the delays, but have been working diligently to address the issues that led to a temporary stoppage," the official said.

Ronald Moeller, the father of a deployed soldier, confirmed that his local post office in South Dakota would accept packages bound for military addresses in Iraq, he told Stars and Stripes on Tuesday.

The mail delay in Iraq was the result of U.S. forces being repositioned in the country, a coalition official said over the weekend.

At least some deliveries had resumed Saturday, the official said.

Some 5,200 American forces and several thousand allied troops make up the coalition's contingent in Iraq, where they aid government forces battling Islamic State through training, advising and assisting them with intelligence, airstrikes and other combat support.

In the wake of a U.S. drone strike in Baghdad that killed Iranian Quds Force commander Maj. Gen. Qassem Soleimani on Jan. 3, the coalition had suspended training and support for Iraqi anti-ISIS operations and began moving troops to focus on increased security.

Last week, the Iraqi government announced that coalition training had resumed.

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Bonuses: Most SHORAD units stood down at end of Cold War

FROM FRONT PAGE

list as it seeks to counter adversaries like Russia and China.

Most SHORAD units in the active Army stood down in the aftermath of the Cold War, as the military shifted focus to counter-insurgency operations. However, Russia's military intervention in Ukraine in 2014 and backing of separatists in the ongoing conflict in the country was a turning point for the Army.

The war in eastern Ukraine sparked renewed interest in rebuilding air-defense capabilities needed to combat more sophisticated weaponry than what troops faced during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Army got a "wake-up call" when it witnessed the conflict in Ukraine, Col. Mark A. Holler, commander of the Air Defense Artillery School, said in a July

statement.

In 2018, the Army activated the first SHORAD unit to be stationed in Germany since the end of the Cold War drawdown.

The push for more firepower is happening across the Army. Three years ago, none of the Army's 10 active divisions had short-range air defense battalions assigned to them. In 2019, the Army said it would add 10 SHORAD units by 2024.

In the 1990s, it was standard for every division to have assigned SHORAD units.

The bonuses come as the Army seeks to improve officer retention in multiple high-demand jobs. Last week, the service hiked incentive pay for pilots for the first time in two decades.

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VETERANS

Iraq vet receives Purple Heart for TBI 14 years after injury

By CHAD GARLAND

Stars and Stripes

Combat medic David Ott's injury caused by a roadside explosion in Iraq in 2006 seemed minor, until months afterward he fell into a coma, his brain bleeding and swollen from the traumatic brain injury he'd suffered.

Fourteen years later, the Iraq war veteran had a Purple Heart pinned to his chest for TBI so severe it left him with memory issues and in need of a service animal.

"I'm happy and it finally brings closure to something that's a long time coming," Ott told local news outlets. "And kind of sad, too, because this is the last time that I'll be getting an award from the military."

Ott was presented the medal — considered the military's oldest still in use — at a ceremony last week during the "Old Warriors" luncheon at VFW Post 477 in Carlisle, Pa., where he now lives.

Carlisle Barracks Commander Sgt. Maj. Michael J. Carden pre-

sented the medal as TBI was again in the headlines out of Iraq, after at least 64 U.S. troops were diagnosed with brain injuries from an Iranian ballistic missile strike on al Asad Air Base last month. Critics said President Donald Trump minimized the wounds' seriousness when he told reporters they weren't as bad as other traumatic brain injuries he'd seen, such as limb amputations.

Considered one of the signature wounds of recent wars, TBI has long qualified for the Purple Heart. But in 2011 the Defense Department clarified the award criteria for cases where invisible wounds received during hostilities don't cause loss of consciousness and may not show immediate symptoms requiring treatment. Though Ott was treated, initial attempts to get him the award were denied.

Initially, Ott only felt dizzy and nauseated, he told Stars and Stripes, and when he suffered ring tones and headaches, he remained in Iraq and finished his tour.

Two months after returning home, he was on a trip to Disney World with his family in August 2006 when he went "stiff as a board" and dropped to the ground. He was medically evacuated to an Orlando hospital and spent nearly six weeks in a coma.

The retired soldier, who also served as an Allentown police officer, has suffered memory difficulties and still takes anti-seizure medication. For balance, he needs the help of his service dog, a black Labrador retriever named Sarge.

He had initially been put in for the Purple Heart by his unit, but it was denied and the unit didn't pursue it further, Ott said. His childhood friend Keith Holdren, a retired major who served in the same Pennsylvania National Guard unit, picked up the ball and submitted the paperwork seeking the Purple Heart for him four times.

The medal finally showed up unceremoniously in the mail last summer, but that didn't sit well with Ott's wife, who emailed Rick Olson, the VFW post commander



Rick Olson

David Ott, right, is pictured as a staff sergeant in this 2005 photo with physician's assistant Capt. Ryan Quinn. Ott was awarded a Purple Heart medal in January, 14 years after suffering a traumatic brain injury in Iraq.

in Carlisle, to tell him it came with "no paperwork, just a medal, nothing describing why it was awarded" or why it had taken so long, Olson said.

"You don't need accolades, but sometimes it's nice to have the feeling that somebody else knows you did good," Jeanine Ott told the local Fox affiliate.

Olson involved Carlisle Barracks and got Rep. Scott Perry's office to help obtain a citation for the award. He then scheduled it to be presented during a lunch the post hosts every two months for World War II and Korean War veterans from six local re-

tirement homes, he said. Local JROTC cadets were also among about 50 people in attendance.

During the event, Holdren made sure Ott also received a sabel inscribed with his name and rank, an honor the former staff sergeant did not receive when he retired in early 2007 after more than 23 years of active duty and National Guard service.

"Not only does this sword help him move forward, but the Purple Heart finishes that journey," Jeanine Ott said.

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VA improperly paid out more than \$300K in disability claims

By STEVEN BEYNON

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WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs handed out about \$311,000 in improper disability payments after an agency employee miscalculated claims, according to the department's inspector general.

The overpayments stemmed from a single employee at the VA's Little Rock Regional Office in Arkansas making bad decisions and improperly processing paperwork during the disability claims process, and the failure of managers to provide the proper oversight on 11 disability rating decisions, according to a report by the VA Inspector General's Office. The employee, who was not named in the IG report, has resigned.

"As a result of the inaccurate rating decisions, Veterans Benefits Administration made nearly \$311,000 in improper payments to beneficiaries," the IG wrote in its report. "In addition, nearly \$6,700 in improper payments were being paid on an ongoing monthly basis at the time of the review."

The system failure in Arkansas resulted in compensation that wasn't warranted, according to the IG report. In some cases, these claims were previously denied. The erroneous payments were not the fault of the veterans, the IG report stated, and no one has to pay back the money. However, VA managers in Little Rock are re-evaluating the disabilities pro-

cessed by the employee.

The overpayments underline the department's history of botching benefits claims for veterans. However, in most cases, the issue is underpaying or not issuing any compensation when a veteran is entitled to it.

Several issues came up in 2018 when the VA tried to implement the Forever GI Bill, a major expansion of education benefits. The issues caused thousands of incorrect or delayed payments to student veterans who rely on education benefits for food, housing, and tuition. Missed payments force some students into critical financial circumstances, taking out loans and maxing out on credit cards. Some of them faced eviction threats.

In the summer of 2019, the IG reported the VA wrongly rejected thousands of emergency-care claims during a five-month period, sticking an "undue financial burden" of millions of dollars on across thousands of patients.

The errors affected an estimated 17,400 veterans who were stuck with a total \$53.3 million in medical bills that the VA should have paid, the IG reported. In that case, the IG blamed a culture that "created a systemic pressure to favor speed over accuracy," leading to staff incorrectly rejecting 31% of veterans' emergency-care claims.

During the same summer, the inspector general found the fed-

eral government owes at least \$18.1 million to 53,000 disabled veterans who overpaid on their VA home loans.

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NATION

Trump promotes Tuskegee Airman to general

By COREY DICKSTEIN
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Tuesday pinned a single star on each shoulder of 100-year-old Tuskegee Airman Charles McGee, giving the veteran of World War II and the wars in Korea and Vietnam an honorary promotion to brigadier general.

Trump announced the promotion, which was approved by Congress in December, during his third State of the Union address Tuesday evening.

"Earlier today, I pinned the stars on his shoulders in the Oval Office," Trump said during the address. "Gen. McGee: Our nation salutes you. Thank you, sir."

It was McGee's second moment in the spotlight this week. On Sunday, McGee joined three other World War II veterans as honorary captains for the coin flip before the National Football League's Super Bowl.

McGee is among the last survivors of the Tuskegee Army's famous group of African-American fighter pilots and airmen whose success in World War II was considered critical to the eventual racial integration of the U.S. military after the war.

After 30 years of service on active duty, including more than 400 combat flights, McGee retired from the Air Force as a colonel in 1973. He lives in Bethesda, Md. "At first I would say 'wow,' but looking back, it would have been nice to have had that during active duty, but it didn't happen that way," McGee said Tuesday after the White House ceremony, according to an Air Force release.



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

Tuskegee airman Charles McGee, 100, and his great grandson Iain Lanphier react as President Donald Trump delivers his State of the Union address Tuesday.

"But still, the recognition of what was accomplished, certainly, I am pleased and proud to receive that recognition and hopefully it will help me carry on as we try to motivate our youth in aviation and space career opportunities," McGee's great-grandson hopes

to follow in his footsteps as a military leader. Trump said during the address that 13-year-old Iain Lanphier wants to join the U.S. Space Force, the new, sixth military branch long championed by Trump and established late last year.

"Iain has always dreamed of going to space," Trump said of the Scottsdale, Ariz., eighth-grader who attended the speech alongside McGee. "He aspires to go to the Air Force Academy, and then, he has his eye on the Space Force. As Iain says, 'Most people look up

at space, I want to look down on the world.'"

For now, he can look up to his great-grandfather. McGee flew 136 combat flights in the European Theater of World War II in 1944, mostly in P-51 Mustang and P-47 Thunderbolt fighter aircraft, according to his biography. He would go on to become a command pilot, fly some 6,300 hours including more than 1,500 in combat. In Korea, he flew more than 100 missions in a P-51. Later, in Vietnam, he commanded the 16th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron and flew 172 combat missions in an RF-4 Phantom II photo-reconnaissance jet, according to his Air Force biography.

McGee amassed dozens of medals and awards throughout his career, including two Legions of Merit, three Distinguished Flying Crosses and a Bronze Star Medal. In 2007, President George W. Bush awarded him the Congressional Gold Medal, and in 2011, McGee was inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame in Dayton, Ohio.

"Charles McGee is a genuine American hero whose courage in combat helped save a nation, and whose legacy is felt to this day across the entire U.S. Air Force," Air Force Gen. David Goldfein, the service's chief of staff, said in a statement. "It was an honor to witness his promotion and to thank him yet again for paving the way for today's Air Force. The Tuskegee Airmen continue to inspire generations of Americans."

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Speech: Trump stays optimistic, focuses on economic growth

FROM FRONT PAGE

But while he tweets daily assailing his impeachment, Trump never mentioned the "i-word" in his 78-minute speech. That followed the lead of Bill Clinton, who did not reference his recent impeachment when he delivered his State of the Union in 1999. Trump spoke from the House chamber, on the opposite side of the Capitol from where the Senate one day later was expected to acquit him largely along party lines.

Pelosi, a frequent thorn in Trump's side, created a viral image with her seemingly sarcastic applause of the president a year ago. This time, she was even more explicit with her very text-ripping rebuke.

Trump appeared no more cordial. When he climbed to the House rostrum, he did not take her outstretched hand, though it was not clear he had seen her gesture. Later, as Republicans often cheered, she remained in her seat, at times shaking her head at his remarks.

When Pelosi left, she told reporters that, tearing up the speech was "the courteous thing

to do considering the alternative." Vice President Mike Pence on Wednesday said that her behavior marked a "new low."

Trump, the former reality TV star, added a showbiz flavor to the staid event. He had his wife, Melania, present the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, to the divisive conservative radio host Rush Limbaugh, who recently announced that he has advanced lung cancer.

He stunned a young student in the gallery with a scholarship. And he orchestrated the surprise tearful reunion of a soldier from overseas with his family in the balcony.

Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts, who has presided in the Senate over only the third impeachment trial in the nation's history, was on hand again Tuesday night — this time in his more customary seat in the audience. Trump stood before the very lawmakers who have voted to remove him from office — and those who are expected to acquit him when the Senate trial comes to a close.

The leading Senate Democrats hoping to unseat him in

November were off campaigning in New Hampshire. In advance of his address, Trump tweeted that the chaos in Iowa's Monday leadoff caucuses showed that Democrats were incompetent and should not be trusted to run the government.

Among Trump's guests in the chamber: Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaido, who has been trying to win face time with Trump, his most important international ally.

The president offered Guaido exactly the sort of endorsement he's been looking for as he struggles to out President Nicolas Maduro from power. Trump called Guaido "the true and legitimate president of Venezuela."

"Socialism destroys nations," Trump declared.

The president entered the evening on a roll, with his impeachment acquittal imminent, his job approval numbers ticking upward and Wall Street looking strong. He struck a largely optimistic tone. But in past moments when Trump has struck a tone of bipartisanship and cooperation, he has consistently returned to harsher rhetoric within days.

Trump spent much of the speech highlighting the economy's strength, stressing how it has helped blue-collar workers and the middle class, though the period of growth began under his predecessor, Barack Obama. And what Trump calls an unprecedented boom is, by many measures, not all that different from the solid economy he inherited from Obama. Economic growth was 2.3% in 2019, matching the average pace since the Great Recession ended a decade ago in the first year of Obama's eight-year presidency.

While the White House said that the president was offering a message of unity, he also spent time on issues that have created great division and resonated with his political base. He attacked Democrats' health care proposals for being too intrusive and again highlighted his signature issue — immigration — trumpeting the miles of border wall that have been constructed.

He also dedicated a section to "American values," discussing efforts to protect "religious liberties" and limit access to abortion, as he continues to court the evan-

gelical and conservative Christian voters who form a crucial part of his base.

The Democrats were supplying plenty of counter-programming, focusing on health care — the issue key to their takeover of the House last year. Trump, for his part, vowed to not allow a "socialist takeover of our health care system," a swipe at the Medicare For All proposal endorsed by some of his Democratic challengers.

Many female Democrats wore white as tribute to the suffragettes, while a number in the party wore red, white and blue-striped lapel pins to highlight climate change, saying that Trump has rolled back environmental safeguards and given free rein to polluters. Trump also left climate change out of the speech.

Several Democratic lawmakers, including California Rep. Maxine Waters and New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, announced in advance of the speech that they would skip it. Other Democrats walked out early.

NATION

Buttigieg holds edge in partial Iowa results

Sanders a close second, but it's still too early to name a caucus winner



MARY ALTAPFER/AP

Democratic presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg, former mayor of South Bend, Ind., speaks during the New Hampshire Youth Climate and Clean Energy Town Hall on Wednesday in Concord, N.H. With 71% of the Iowa caucus results in, Buttigieg holds a slight lead in Iowa's caucus over Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont.



STEVEN SENNE/AP

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., speaks during a campaign rally Wednesday in Derry, N.H. Sanders is a close second in Iowa's partial caucus results which were marred by technical difficulties.

By STEVE PEOPLES, THOMAS BEAUMONT AND ALEXANDRA JAFFE
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Pete Buttigieg held a slight lead over Bernie Sanders in the opening contest of the Democratic race for the presidential nomination, according to partial results released by the Iowa Democratic Party.

The results that came out late Tuesday followed 24 hours of caucus chaos. Technical problems marred the complicated process, forcing state officials to apologize and raising questions about Iowa's traditional place atop the presidential primary calendar.

It was too early to call a winner based on the initial results from Monday's caucuses, but Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, former Vice President Joe Biden and Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar were trailing in the tally of State Delegate Equivalents, according to the data released nearly a day after voting concluded.

The results reflected 71% of precincts in the state. The two early leaders — Buttigieg, the former mayor of South Bend, Ind., and Sanders, Vermont's senator — were separated by 40 years in age, conflicting ideology and more.

Sanders, 78, a self-described democratic socialist, has been a progressive powerhouse for decades. For Buttigieg, 38, his early standing cemented his transformation from a little-known city leader to a legitimate force in the 2020 contest. Buttigieg is also the first openly gay candidate to earn presidential primary delegates.

"We don't know all of the numbers, but we know this much: A campaign that started a year ago with four staff members, no name recognition, no money, just a big idea — a campaign that some said should have no business even making this attempt — has taken its place at the front of this race," Buttigieg said as he campaigned in next-up New Hampshire with his husband looking on.

Buttigieg's early rise was rivaled for possible importance by the struggle of another moderate, Biden.

One of his party's most accomplished figures, the former two-term vice president and longtime senator was mired in the second tier of Iowa candidates with al-

most two-thirds of precincts reporting. Biden's campaign sought to play down the caucus results even before they were released, hardly a measure of strength for a high-profile contender who has led national polls for most of the last year.

"We believe we will emerge with the delegates we need to continue on our path to nomination," said Symone Sanders, a senior adviser.

While all campaigns were eager to spin the Iowa results to their advantage, there was little immediate indication that the incomplete results erased the confusion and concern that loomed over the caucuses. It was unclear when the full results would be released.

During a private conference call with campaigns earlier in the day, the chairman of the state party, Troy Price, declined to answer questions about the timeline — even whether it would be days or weeks.

"We have been working day and night to make sure these results are accurate," Price said at a subsequent news conference.

The leading candidates pressed on in New Hampshire, which votes Tuesday. Billionaire Michael Bloomberg, a former New York City mayor, sensed opportunity after Iowa, and said he would double his already massive advertising campaign and expand his sprawling staff focused on a series of delegate-rich states voting next month.

The caucus crisis was an embarrassing twist after months of promoting Iowa as a chance for Democrats to find some clarity in a jumbled field. Instead, after a buildup that featured seven rounds of debates, nearly \$1 billion spent nationwide and a year of political jockeying, caucus day ended with no winner, no official results and many fresh questions about whether Iowa can retain its coveted "first" status.

Price said he expected ef-

"A campaign that started a year ago with four staff members, no name recognition, no money, just a big idea ... has taken its place at the front of this race."

Pete Buttigieg
Democratic presidential candidate

Md. primary winners focus on Baltimore's problems

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Democrat Kweisi Mfume says that if he regains the seat in Congress he once held in a heavily Democratic Baltimore area district, cutting violent crime in the city and its suburbs will be his top concern.

Mfume and Republican Kimberly Klacik won special primaries Tuesday for the congressional seat that was held by the late Elijah Cummings, who died in October.

In a district where Democrats outnumber Republicans by more than 4 to 1, the Democratic nominee is the heavy favorite heading into the April 28 special election. "The first thing I want to do is to find a way to drive down this level of violent crime and gun violence. There are too many victims," Mfume said.

For the GOP, Klacik gained attention last year after her social media posts showing trash in Baltimore prompted President Donald Trump to tweet that the district is a "disgusting, rat and rodent infested mess" where "no human being would want to live."

Klacik has pointed to a federal program known as opportunity zones as a way of helping struggling parts of the district. The program aims to spark private investment in distressed communities with tax incentives for people who invest in real estate projects and open up businesses in designated low-income communities.

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NATION

Judge OKs release of Pentagon Papers case records

By ALANNA DURKIN RICHER
Associated Press

BOSTON — The government must release some documents that will shed light on two grand juries that sat in Boston nearly 50 years ago to investigate the leak of the Pentagon Papers, a federal judge ruled Tuesday.

The records detailing the probe into the publication of records that exposed the deceit of American policymakers during the Vietnam War were sought by Jill Lepore, a Harvard University professor and New Yorker staff writer.

Lepore filed a petition in 2018 seeking the long-secret documents from the 1971 grand juries, saying that the records would “fill a significant gap in the public’s understanding of the Pentagon Papers episode and contribute to contemporary debates over press freedom and national security.”

But federal prosecutors pushed their release, arguing that it is critical to keep grand juries secret in order to encourage witnesses to testify freely and protect the privacy of people who are later cleared of accusations.

U.S. District Judge Allison Burroughs said in her written decision that she would grant a “limited disclosure” of the grand jury materials, but not allow the “unfettered” access Lepore sought.

Burroughs is allowing the release of transcripts and exhibits for witnesses who are dead, unless the government can prove that they need to stay secret to protect surviving family members.

The judge is also allowing the release of transcripts and exhibits for witnesses who are dead, unless the government can prove that they need to stay secret to protect surviving family members.

If the government objects to the release of other documents, it has 60 days to explain why they should stay under wraps, Burroughs said. The judge signaled that she may be willing to delay the release of the records so that the government has a chance to appeal, “given the importance of this issue.”

The U.S. attorney’s office in Boston declined to comment. An email was also sent to Lepore’s attorneys Tuesday.

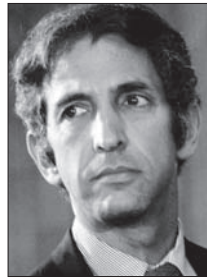
Burroughs said that she was allowing the documents to be released “reluctantly,” ex-

pressing concern that it could have “unintended consequences” or open the door to the release of other secret grand jury documents in the future.

“All of that being said, the authority of the court to allow the disclosure sought in this case seems clear, and given the passage of time, the historical significance of the materials at issue and the fact that much of the matter is already in the public domain, the court must conclude that the limited disclosure allowed herein does not run afoul of any of the purposes of grand jury secrecy,” Burroughs wrote.

Among those who supported their release was Daniel Ellsberg, the former government consultant who gave the papers to *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post* and other newspapers.

Ellsberg said in a declaration filed in court that it is important “now more than ever” to release the grand jury investigation records because it represented one of the government’s earliest attempts “to use the Espionage Act to indict journalists for doing journalism.”



AP

Daniel Ellsberg, shown in 1973, released the Pentagon Papers in 1971 that exposed the deceit of American policymakers during the Vietnam War.



MIKE SIMONS, TULSA WORLD/AP

Commuters travel in snow and a wintry mix Wednesday on I-244 in Tulsa, Okla.

Powerful storm inciting tumbling temperatures, snow in Plains

From wire reports

DALLAS — A powerful winter storm dropped snow throughout parts of Texas and Oklahoma early Wednesday and brought the risk of ice to northwest Arkansas.

From sudden temperatures drops, to disruptive ice and snow, to severe storms and flooding rain, a major storm will make its mark as it charges across the Lower 48 states this week.

Winter storm warnings were in effect Wednesday from eastern New Mexico to the St. Louis metropolitan area, the National Weather Service reported.

The powerful storm system

sent temperatures tumbling in the Rockies, shifting springlike conditions back to winter in a matter of hours. On Sunday, Boulder and Denver were in the 70s. By Monday, they had ice and snow.

Northwestern Texas could see 4 to 8 inches of snow, while 3 to 5 inches of snow was expected in the Oklahoma City and Tulsa areas, forecasters said.

In Arkansas, forecasters said that up to a quarter-inch of ice and 1 to 3 inches of snow were possible in the northwest part of the state. The remainder of the state was expected to get heavy rain Wednesday.

Further north, snow was pre-

dicted in the Kansas City area, where hundreds of thousands of people were expected to attend a parade marking the Kansas City Chiefs’ Super Bowl win.

Snow also was expected to extend into Illinois, Michigan and other parts of the Midwest on Wednesday and Thursday before reaching the Northeast by Friday, the weather service said.

By the time the storm reaches the eastern U.S., it will draw heat and moisture from the Gulf of Mexico, fueling thunderstorms in the Southeast and heavy rainfall through the Mid-Atlantic and southern New England.

Ex-VMI student sues school, claims hazing

By LAUREN LUMPKIN
The Washington Post

A former Virginia Military Institute student says he was waterboarded, physically assaulted and forced to wrestle another student while partially clothed during his first year at the school, according to a lawsuit filed last week.

The alleged incident led the student, identified in the lawsuit as John Doe, to withdraw from the school. The man’s attorney said that the former student’s identity has been concealed because he is worried the lawsuit will affect his future and because he fears retribution from military institute leaders.

The small public school in Lexington, Va., has a documented history of racial and gender-based discrimination, according to the complaint. The U.S. Education Department’s Office for Civil Rights found in 2014 that the school permitted a hostile environment for female students. In response to those findings, VMI agreed to adopt policies to improve its response to sexual violence and harassment.

But the former student who is suing claims that VMI does not enforce those policies when victims are not

“VMI responds aggressively to allegations of hazing involving female cadets but shows deliberate indifference to allegations of hazing involving male cadets because of long-held and outdated gender stereotypes about young men,” the lawsuit says. “VMI minimizes the hazing of male cadets as ‘boys being boys.’”

The school denies the allegations, said Col. Stewart MacInnis, a VMI spokesman. Cadets are trained to prevent and report hazing and sexual misconduct, he added.

“We have not violated anyone’s rights and will defend the institute vigorously,” MacInnis said. “VMI takes immediate action when policies are violated.”

A wrestling match between John Doe and another first-year student is at the heart of Doe’s sexual harassment allegation, which included “naked wrestling and unwanted touching,” according to the complaint.

After school leaders learned of the alleged incident from an upperclassman, they did not launch a separate Title IX investigation into the sexual misconduct allegations, the lawsuit says. Doe says it is because he is a man. Title IX is the federal law that prohibits sex discrimination in schools that receive federal funding.

Timothy Furin, Doe’s attorney, said that he hopes the lawsuit will raise awareness of systemic issues within military academies and compel policy changes at the federal level.

The complaint accuses the school’s Board of Visitors — VMI’s governing body — of turning a blind eye to hazing and abuse on campus. Furin said. The school’s superintendent, retired Gen. Binford Peay, and its commandant of cadets, Col. William Wanovich, are also named as defendants, along with five current or former students who allegedly participated in the assault.

NATION



A makeshift memorial for Rachel Freeman is seen at the location where Moore High School cross country runners were hit by a pickup truck Monday, killing Freeman and Yuridia Martinez.

Officials: 2nd student dies after truck hits group of Okla. runners

By KEN MILLER
Associated Press

MOORE, Okla. — A second suburban Oklahoma City high school student has died after a group of cross-country runners was struck by a pickup that authorities



Townsend

say was driven by Max Leroy Townsend, whose son was killed in a traffic crash over the weekend, a school official said Tuesday.

Sophomore Yuridia Martinez, who had been hospitalized in critical condition since the Monday crash, has since died, Dustin Horstkoetter, director of safety and security at Moore Public Schools, said. Officials had previously said that senior Rachel Freeman was killed when the truck slammed into members of the school's cross-country team.

Moore police Sgt. Jeremy Lewis said authorities believe the students were running on the sidewalk when they were struck. Authorities had previously said they were running along a street

outside Moore High School.

Three other students remained hospitalized with injuries.

Townsend, 57, was being held in the Cleveland County jail on charges of first-degree manslaughter and six counts of failure to stop and render aid.

Police suspect alcohol was a factor, according to Lewis, who said results from toxicology tests were pending.

Lewis said Townsend's son, Cody Townsend, was killed Sunday in a multivehicle crash in Moore. But investigators have not yet determined why the pickup crashed into the students Monday or whether that crash was intentional, Lewis said.

Max Townsend has a lengthy criminal history in Oklahoma that includes multiple convictions for driving under the influence, public intoxication, possession of drugs and stolen property, stalking and child abuse, court records show. He served time in prison on convictions for child abuse, receiving stolen property and possession of drugs, but was released in 2009, state prison records show.

Moore Police Chief Todd Strickland said different teams are investigating the crash that killed the students and the one that killed Townsend's son.

School's anti-racism meeting disrupted by parent's Mexico remark

Associated Press

SALINE, Mich. — A public meeting called to address racist social media posts by students at a suburban Detroit high school turned volatile when a white parent asked a Hispanic parent, "Why didn't you stay in Mexico?"

The exchange Monday shocked many who had gathered for a community meeting at the Saline Area Schools district office

after white students posted racist messages to black classmates via Snapchat last month.

During the meeting, parent Adrian Iraola articulated that his son endured racist name-calling by students in the district and described the impact it had on him. His son drew motivation from being called names such as taco, enchilada and nacho, Iraola said, ultimately fueling him to earn a master's degree from Johns Hop-

Trial begins for former CIA employee in leaking case

By SHANE HARRIS
The Washington Post

NEW YORK — Federal prosecutors Tuesday opened their case against a former CIA software engineer they say leaked a massive trove of the agency's secret hacking tools to take revenge on his former colleagues and bosses.

Joshua Schulte, 31, is charged with disclosing classified information to WikiLeaks after allegedly stealing it from a secretive CIA unit where he worked. In more than 8,000 pages of material published in 2017 — known as the Vault 7 leaks — WikiLeaks showed how the CIA breaks into smartphones and internet-connected devices, including televisions.

The disclosure "was the single biggest leak of classified national defense information in the history of the CIA," Assistant U.S. Attorney David Denton told jurors. Denton said that as a result of the disclosure, CIA operations had "come to a halt," U.S. intelligence officers serving overseas had been exposed and American adversaries were able to turn cyberweapons developed by the CIA against the United States.

Schulte has pleaded not guilty to 11 criminal counts.

Over the months that the case has wound its way to trial, Schulte's lawyers have described the government's charges as vague and overreaching. They also complained that prosecutors have been slow to share information about their case with the defense and placed burdensome rules on the handling of classified information.

Sabrina Shroff, Schulte's lead defense attorney, accused the government of prosecuting Schulte out

of embarrassment over losing such a huge volume of sensitive information, and because he was "an easy target."

Schulte said previously that he was targeted for speaking out against what he described as incompetent CIA management. From 2010 to 2016, Schulte worked in the CIA's Engineering Development Group, which produced the computer code published by WikiLeaks.

On March 13, 2017, less than a week after the original WikiLeaks publication, FBI agents searched Schulte's apartment in New York, where he had moved to take a new job after leaving the agency, and found a computer server and several external drives, as well as notebooks and handwritten notes, court filings show. Schulte was not arrested and denied to FBI agents that he had leaked the CIA materials.

But in August, Schulte was arrested after investigators searching his computer found evidence of child pornography, including more than 10,000 photos and videos, prosecutors alleged. He has pleaded not guilty to those charges, which will be tried separately.

While he was in jail in Manhattan, the government continued to investigate Schulte for the Vault 7 leaks but didn't bring charges for months.

In June 2018, prosecutors charged him with violating the Espionage Act and related crimes associated with the WikiLeaks dump. Later that year, they also charged him with using a contraband cellphone while in jail to disseminate classified information to the press and use social media to claim that the FBI was framing him for the leaks.

The trial is expected to last several weeks.

Court hears arguments in Ohio gunman school records case

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A school district is before the state high court fighting the release of student records of a gunman who killed nine people in Dayton last year.

Lawyers for Bellbrook-Sugar Creek Local Schools say state and federal law protecting student privacy bar the release of confidential information without consent.

"There is nothing in the case law interpreting those two statutes that would advise an Ohio school administrator that either protection terminates upon the death of the student," attorneys

for the district argued in a Jan. 14 filing.

Likewise, media groups seeking the records' release say that nothing in the laws prevent the information's release.

The Ohio Supreme Court could next decide to set oral arguments or simply rule on the case, though no final decision is expected for several weeks.

The records could shed light on whether authorities properly handled early warning signs exhibited by gunman Connor Betts, the media outlets, including The Associated Press, have argued.

Betts was killed by police half a minute after he opened fire Aug.

4 in Dayton's crowded Oregon District entertainment area. But armed with an AR-15 style gun with an extended ammunition magazine, Betts still killed nine, including his sister, and injured dozens more.

Police investigators said Betts had a "history of obsession with violent ideations with mass shootings and expressed a desire to commit a mass shooting." The FBI said it uncovered evidence Betts "looked into violent ideologies."

The Supreme Court took the case after an appeals court ruled in favor of Bellbrook-Sugar Creek schools and its denial of access to Betts' high school files.

In an MLive.com interview Tuesday, Matthew Burtell, a 2014 Saline High School alumnus and Tom Burtell's son, spoke out against his father's "racist and xenophobic behavior." After seeing video of the exchange, he said it gave him "a sinking feeling."

"It's of vital importance to call out racism wherever you see it," Matthew Burtell said. "We can't stand idly by — as children, as

brothers and sisters, as friends and as people interacting with each other in daily life — when someone says or does anything racist. It's all of our responsibilities and it shouldn't have to get to this."

Scot Graden, the district's superintendent, said the students' Snapchat remarks are still under investigation.

WORLD

Turkey avalanche wipes out rescuers

By SUZAN FRASER
Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — An avalanche slammed into a mountain road in eastern Turkey on Wednesday, wiping out a team of rescue workers sent to find two people missing in an earlier avalanche. Officials said 23 rescue workers were killed while others were still buried under the snow.

Wednesday's avalanche increased the overall death toll from the disaster to 28.

About 300 emergency service workers were called to a highway near the town of Bahcesaray in Van province, which borders Iran, after an avalanche struck late Tuesday. That snowslide killed five people. Around noon Wednesday, the team was struck by the second avalanche.

Gov. Mehmet Emin Bilmez said that 23 rescuers' bodies were recovered from the mass of snow on the steep slope. They included eight military police officers, three government-paid

village guards, three firefighters and nine volunteers. Emergency teams were searching for other colleagues who may still be buried under the snow, Bilmez said. He did not provide a figure.

Approximately 30 emergency workers were either rescued or escaped from under the snow and were hospitalized Wednesday, the Interior Ministry said.

Video from the scene showed at least three overturned vehicles at the bottom of a hill during a snow storm. Some rescuers were climbing a steep incline to get out of the mass of snow, while others dug frantically into the snow with shovels and pickaxes. Fog, heavy snow and strong winds were hampering the rescue efforts.

The first avalanche buried a snow-clearing vehicle and a minibus. The vehicle's operator and seven passengers escaped alive. The Anadolu Agency said that the operator, Bahattin Karagulle, was trapped beneath the snow for 25 minutes before he managed to break a window and escape



DHA/AP

Rescue teams are seen working after a plane skidded off the runway Wednesday at Istanbul's Sabiha Gokcen Airport. The plane crashed into a field and broke into pieces.

Plane skids off Istanbul runway, breaks up

Associated Press

ISTANBUL — A plane skidded off the runway Wednesday as it tried to land in Istanbul, crashing into a field and breaking into pieces. Passengers had to evacuate through cracks in the smashed plane and authorities said 120 people were sent to the hospital with injuries.

The low-cost Pegasus Airlines plane was arriving at Istanbul's

Sabiha Gokcen airport from the western Turkish city of Izmir when it had what the Transportation Ministry described as a "rough landing." The ministry said no one died in the incident.

Video obtained by The Associated Press showed the wreckage of the plane in a field adjacent to the end of the runway. The video shows heavy rain and strong winds at the time, with smoke

coming from one of the engines as passengers climb out of the fuselage onto the wings of the plane and away from the crash site.

Dozens of rescue crew members swarmed around the floodlit fuselage, including around the cockpit, which had flipped over. The plane was a Boeing 737 that was 11 years old, according to the flight tracking website Flightradar24.

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Fight over urination ends with man shot

AL GRAND BAY — An Alabama man confronted a neighbor who was urinating in public and was shot in the face during a gunfight that followed, a sheriff's office said.

Their fight began as the man was urinating in a street near Grand Bay early Sunday morning, Mobile County Sheriff's Capt. Paul Burch said. The upset neighbor got a gun from his car and began firing the first shots, Burch told news outlets. The other man then got a gun from his own vehicle and returned fire, he said.

His injuries weren't considered life-threatening and he was flown to a hospital in Pensacola, Fla., for treatment, Burch said. Authorities haven't identified either man involved.

FBI offers \$10K reward in 'Scream' mask case

VA RICHMOND — A \$10,000 reward is being offered by the FBI for information about a robbery suspect in Virginia who often wears a mask from the horror movie "Scream."

WRIC reported Tuesday that the so-called "Scream Bandit" has struck at least six gas stations in central Virginia in a string of robberies that stretches back a year.

The robber has typically entered a business with a semi-automatic gun and ordered that money be put into a bag.

Hands crushed, woman calls 911 with her toes

SC WALTERBORO — A woman whose hands were crushed while she was changing a tire on the side of an interstate in South Carolina managed to call for help using her toes.

The unnamed woman, 54, got a flat tire while driving on a rural stretch of I-95 Sunday evening, Colleton County Fire-Rosette said in a news release. A jack holding up the car slipped while the woman was putting on the spare tire, causing the woman's hands to get stuck between the tire and the fender, the release said.

Over the next 35 minutes, officials said the woman was able to slide off her shoe, manipulate her cellphone and call 911. Fire-rescue crews arrived in less than 10 minutes, the release stated.

Police: 'Dumpster diving' at store turned fatal

NC BURLINGTON — Police in North Carolina were searching a landfill Tuesday for the remains of a woman believed to have been killed after climbing into a trash container to look for reusable items.

The Burlington Police Department issued a news release Monday saying Stephanie Cox, 30, was apparently collecting items from a large trash container behind a clothing store in Burlington when a truck came to service the



ROBERT F. BUKATY/AP

The walk to (mill)work

A worker crosses a pedestrian bridge on his way to work a shift at the ND Paper mill last week in Rumford, Maine, where the early morning temperatures were in the single digits. The company is planning upgrades this year to increase production of paper and packaging products.

container.

"Cox is believed to have been attempting to collect items from a dumpster alone shortly after midnight on Thursday January 30th, 2020. It is believed that Cox did not exit the dumpster prior to it being serviced," police said in the release.

Her car was found behind the shopping center. Video indicates no one else was in the area until the garbage truck arrived.

Man accused of filming coworkers at day care

FL ST. PETERSBURG — A cafeteria worker at a Florida child care center is facing a video voyeurism charge after his co-workers found a cellphone taped under the sink and facing the toilet in a bathroom.

St. Petersburg police arrested Julin Nichols, 30, on Monday. He had worked at the Lew Williams Center for Early Learning for a month.

Police did not say whether any children were involved in the investigation, or how many people were recorded by the phone. An investigation is continuing.

Nichols was released on a surety bond Tuesday.

Dentist is suspended after patients sickened

NJ NEWARK — A New Jersey oral surgeon has agreed to a five-year license suspension after 15 patients were sickened by a bacterial heart infection and one died.

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The number of duplicate billing statements recently sent from a student loan company to an Ohio man. Dan Cain said he was suspicious when a postal worker in Twinsburg told him recently that his mail wouldn't fit through the front door of the office. When Cain drove his

truck around to the back of the building, he found a postal worker wheeling out two large bins of letters, WOIO-TV reported. Officials from College Ave Student Loans said in an email Monday that it apologized for the error in its mailing system and was putting corrective measures in place to prevent it from happening in the future. Cain said he and his wife had taken out the loan for college tuition.

Dr. John Vecchione on Monday also agreed to pay \$293,500 in penalties. He initially had fought the allegations.

"Dr. Vecchione spent years denying any responsibility for the infections contracted by patients in his care," said Howard Pine, Acting Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs.

Vecchione engaged in "professional misconduct and gross negligence" by failing to follow infection control protocols, state officials said. The state alleged the Budd Lake dentist failed to use sterile water or sterile saline during surgical procedures, improperly handled and stored single-dose medication vials and did not properly prepare instruments. The allegations stemmed from inspections conducted after an outbreak of bacterial endocarditis among Vecchione's patients.

Officials: Virus killing Eurasian collared doves

ND BISMARCK — A virus is killing some doves in the Bismarck-Mandan area, state

wildlife officials said Monday.

North Dakota's Game and Fish Department says it has received "numerous" reports since December of dead and dying Eurasian collared doves. That dove is a nonnative species that typically does not fly south for the winter.

Officials have confirmed a virus — paramyxovirus-1 — is the cause, The Bismarck Tribune reported. Game and Fish officials are still working to document the extent of the disease outbreak in the area and whether it's a problem in other parts of North Dakota.

Police: Mom forced son, 13, to vape THC

NM ROSWELL — A New Mexico woman is facing child abuse charges after authorities say she forced her 13-year-old son to smoke vape pens containing THC.

KOB-TV reported that Candace Lindeman was arrested last week following reports about child abuse. Lindeman's son told investigators his mother physically

abused him and made him smoke vape pens containing 90% THC, and grounded him for weeks if he refused. THC is the chemical in marijuana that makes users feel high.

Lindeman, 29, of Roswell, faces four counts of child abuse.

Woman sees pet on cans promoting shelter dogs

FL BRADENTON — A Florida brewery that recently began placing shelter dogs' faces on beer cans helped reunite a Minnesota woman with her dog, Hazel, who went missing three years ago.

This month, Motorworks Brewing in Bradenton teamed up with the Manatee County Animal Shelter to turn beer cans into adoption flyers for shelter dogs. Monica Mathis, of St. Paul, told KSTP that she couldn't believe it when she saw Hazel's face on a beer can that had been photographed and posted on social media. Hazel, a terrier mix, was among the dogs featured on beer cans called "The Four Packs." But the featured dog's name was Day Day.

Mathis contacted the shelter, which needed proof that Day Day was in fact Hazel.

"I sent everything I could find," Mathis said.

Mathis said she was living in Iowa when Hazel disappeared.

The shelter confirmed that Day Day is Hazel. The nonprofit Friends of Manatee County Animal Services will cover the cost of transporting Hazel to Minnesota.

From wire reports

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Wigs for "Bombshell" stars Charlize Theron, Nicole Kidman and Margot Robbie cost thousands of dollars and required weeks of work.

Creating women of a certain look

Bringing the hairstyles of Fox News broadcasters to film earns Oscar nod

By JESSICA M. GOLDSTEIN
Special to The Washington Post

Though it is gauche to speak ill of the dead, the truth is that Roger Ailes had no imagination. The longtime Fox News chief had the most predictable of palates: He liked long legs, short skirts and blond hair. Specifically, a vivid blond that is relatively rare in the natural world: Only 2 percent of people on Earth really have blond hair.

Hairstylist Anne Morgan was tasked with re-creating the looks of some of Fox News' most famous blondes for the movie "Bombshell," which is based on the accounts of women at the network — among them Gretchen Carlson (Nicole Kidman) and Megyn Kelly (Charlize Theron) — who exposed how Ailes preyed on his female employees. In addition to those recognizable faces, Morgan also helped create the look of a fictional millennial corner, Kayla Pospisil, played by Margot Robbie. The results are almost eerie, like "Fox & Friends" meets "Black Mirror." For this accomplishment, Morgan, alongside Kazu Hiro and Vivian Baker, has been nominated for an Academy Award for achievement in makeup and hairstyling.

The architect of the aesthetic that Morgan set out to reproduce — and the villain of "Bombshell" — is Ailes, who was chairman

and chief executive of Fox News until he resigned under pressure in July 2016 after 25 women accused him of sexual harassment. He died in 2017 at age 77.

Morgan's initial sense of the look that Ailes created was straightforward: "It's just overdone," she says. But she soon came to believe that there was something more disturbing at work. "When you go down the rabbit hole, you see the sexuality that's placed on them," she says of the women she was helping to depict. "And we take it for granted that that was normal, that that's not a big deal."

For "Bombshell," Kidman, Theron and Robbie all wore wigs, to which wigs (hair extensions) were added. Wigs for the movie cost about \$7,000 to \$10,000 a pop, with a few exceptions; the wig for the actor playing Geraldo Rivera cost just \$800, though the front had to be rebuilt, adding \$2,000 to the tab. "Labor makes up the bulk of that cost," Morgan explains. "Each hair is hand-tied one by one."

The whole process, from design to execution, "is best done with a six-week lead," Morgan says, though sometimes the timelines are significantly tighter. Roger Ailes' wife, Beth, is played by Connie Britton, who famously has "that gorgeous head of hair," and Morgan and her team only had 48 hours to build "a conservative shoulder-

length bob" that could fit Britton's hairline.

Of the three women at the center of the film, Morgan gave the most extreme styling to Robbie's character, Kayla, who, after all, is fictional. "Kayla is this weather girl from Florida, a right-wing, Christian, youthful YouTube," Morgan says. She figured Kayla would get her style tips from influencers and Instagrammers, and that she'd be likely to hit up a Drybar for the occasional blowout. Morgan notes that she "loaded her up with 24" wigs; on top of that, Robbie wore three sets of false eyelashes, high heels and a white dress "so skin-tight, Margot could barely walk."

Certain patterns reign across broadcast news in general, especially for women. A study by researchers at the University of Texas at Austin, which was published in 2018 and based on an analysis of hundreds of photos of broadcast journalists, found that 95.8 percent of female reporters and anchors had smooth hair, about two-thirds had short or medium-length styles, and nearly half were blond.

"It's really crazy what we, as women, allow to tell our story," Morgan says. "Your hair is how you are perceived, (along with) your makeup, your shoe and dress choice. And it's interesting how (at Fox) it was so curated by Roger Ailes, completely designed by him."

Original Beach Boys member encourages boycott of band's music

One of the co-founders of The Beach Boys has joined a boycott of his own music to protest it being used by another band member at an animal hunting convention.

Brian Wilson has denounced a performance of Beach Boys music on Wednesday at the Safari Club International Convention in Reno, Nev. The concert is being led by The Beach Boys' co-founder, lead singer and chief lyricist Mike Love.

In a tweet, Wilson said he and band member Al Jardine are "emphatically opposed" to trophy hunting. He then pointed to a Change.org petition that calls for a boycott of Beach Boys' music until the performance is canceled. The petition had garnered more than 100,000 signatures by Tuesday afternoon.

In response, Love offered a statement to Pitchfork magazine: "We look forward to a night of great music in Reno and, as always, support freedom of thought and expression as a fundamental tenet of our rights as Americans."

The Beach Boys are known for sunny harmonies in such songs as "California Girls," "I Get Around," "Fun Fun Fun," "Good Vibrations" and "Kokomo."

Famed book editor Alice Mayhew dies

Alice Mayhew, the celebrated and influential editor of political and historical works whose authors ranged from Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein to Taylor Branch and Doris Kearns Goodwin, died Tuesday at age 87. Sim & Schuster, which she joined in 1971, announced that she died "peacefully" at her home in Manhattan. Her death came days after the loss of another Simon & Schuster institution, novelist Mary Higgins Clark, who died last week.

A New York City native, Mayhew edited some of the most notable nonfiction releases of the past half century, including Woodward and Bernstein's landmark Watergate best-seller "All the President's Men," among the first books to broadly investigate a sitting president's administration; the feminist classic "Our Bodies, Ourselves"; Branch's Pulitzer Prize-winning "Parting the Waters"; and Goodwin's Pulitzer Prize-winning "No Ordinary Time." She also worked with former President Jimmy Carter, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and the historians Stephen Ambrose, Michael Beschloss and David Herbert Donald among others.

Other news

A lawyer for a son of Aretha Franklin asked a judge Tuesday to keep an eye on professional fees paid by the late singer's estate, the latest jab in a dispute over assets left by the Queen of Soul. Franklin died without a formal will in August 2018. Her estate was worth an estimated \$17 million last summer.

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Shannen Doherty, 48, is currently starring in "BH 90210." "People with stage four can work, too," she says of her breast cancer recurrence.

Doherty says breast cancer has progressed to stage 4

Associated Press

Shannen Doherty is battling a recurrence of breast cancer that has progressed to stage four, telling fans "it's a bitter pill to swallow."

"I definitely have days where I say, 'Why me?' And then I go, 'Well, why not me? Who else? Who else besides me deserves this?' None of us do," Doherty told "Good Morning America" on Tuesday.

The actress from "Charmed" and "Beverly Hills, 90210" first revealed she had breast cancer in 2015 and charted her battle with the disease and its remission on social media.

She said one reason she went public with the news is because her health conditions could come out in court. The actress has sued insurance giant State Farm after her California home was damaged in a fire in 2018. "I'd rather people hear it from

me. I don't want it to be twisted. I don't want it to be a court document. I want it to be real and authentic," Doherty said. "I want people to know from me. I just didn't want them to know yet."

Doherty, 48, has been working on the show "BH90210" and kept the diagnosis mostly secret. "People with stage four can work, too. Our life doesn't end the minute we get that diagnosis. We still have some living to do," she said.

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OPINION

Iowa turnout should trouble all Democrats

By KAREN TURNULY
The Washington Post

NO ONE knows how long it will be before it is clear which Democratic presidential candidate won the Iowa caucuses.

But the most important tally of the night has been reported, and it should worry Democrats.

Even as the Iowa Republican Party was trying to sort out the chaos in its reporting system, a party official announced that turnout was "on pace" with what they had seen in 2016.

In other words, it was mediocre. About 170,000 people participated in the 2016 Iowa Democratic caucuses, far short of the unprecedented 240,000 voters who turned out in 2008 and launched Barack Obama on his way to the White House. What was so exciting a dozen years ago was not only how many Iowans showed up, but who they were: young people, first-time caucusgoers, an ethnically diverse mix of voters in an overwhelmingly white state.

Until recent days, there had been plenty of buzz among Democrats that this year would set a new record. There was even some loose talk that turnout could reach 300,000, which would be incontrovertible evidence of the passion that their party is feeling about the prospect of defeating President Donald Trump in November.

Indications last year gave them plenty of reason for that kind of confidence. When Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., made her first visit to the state as a candidate in

early January 2019, people lined up two-and-a-half hours in advance to get into one event that I went to in Ankeny. More than 12,000 people showed up for the traditional Democratic Steak Fry last September, so eager were Iowans to hear from the 17 candidates who spoke there. At the state party's big annual fundraising dinner in November, an estimated 13,000 euphoric Democrats packed the Wells Fargo Arena in downtown Des Moines practically to the rafters.

In the past week, I've been struck at how different the atmosphere felt.

The single-minded focus on getting Trump out of the White House was there, and remains far more a motivator than any differences these Democrats have over issues such as health care. But the voters I talked to seemed confused and anxious in the final hours before the caucuses. More torn than usual over which candidate to pick in a field that still numbers nearly a dozen. All but absent were the public displays of commitment to one candidate or another — the yard signs that typically dot suburban lawns and plaster the sides of barns in the countryside.

So what does the fact that so few actually turned out mean for the primary going forward? So-so turnout blows a hole in the rationale of Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., in particular. His electability argument is that he can inspire the passion it takes to bring out young people and disaffected Americans who normally don't vote. Sanders had shown a surge in the most recent polls. But as he told a crowd in Indianapolis

Saturday: "If the voter turnout is low, we're going to lose. It's as simple as that."

On Monday night, I attended two caucuses that met in the same church hall in Waukegan, an outer suburb of Des Moines, that is in the fastest-growing part of the state. Former South Bend, Ind., Mayor Pete Buttigieg won both of them — handily.

In one of the caucuses I observed, Sanders, Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., and entrepreneur Andrew Yang were deemed "non-viable" on the first round of balloting. Their supporters had to find someone else to back on the second round. On the other side of the partition that divided the church hall in Waukegan, former Vice President Joe Biden didn't survive the first cut.

As the disappointed Yang and Sanders supporters pondered which way to go for the second-round alignment, the contingents for the other candidates gathered around them and chanted: "Anyone but Trump!"

How typical was this small glimpse of results across the state broadly? That is what we are waiting to hear. Buttigieg's speech here on Monday night sounded very much like a pep talk, but history says maybe he knows something, because the army of observers that he and other candidates had stationed in caucuses around Iowa.

But in the meantime, the campaigns have already moved on to New Hampshire. The countless hours of stumping and organizing in Iowa are behind them. And no doubt they are all wondering: What was the point of it?

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Certain acquittal, app mishap helped Trump win Iowa

By KATHLEEN PARKER
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WASHINGTON — ang, if he didn't do it again: Donald John Trump slid out the back door and won the Iowa caucuses Monday night, thanks to a vote-counting app apocalypse, and he's set to be acquitted on the two impeachment charges leveled against him.

Forget Tellico. President Ronald Reagan, to whom no bad thing ever stuck. Forget the Comeback Kid, President Bill Clinton, who kept getting back up every time he was knocked down. For reasons as mysterious as the Iowa caucuses themselves, President Trump may be the luckiest guy ever to hold the office. Despite being like a bank robber who practically leaves bread crumbs for the cops to follow, he can't seem to get caught.

And, if Democrats continue their trend of ineptitude — there's more — Trump will escape with another term in office come November. If he wants it.

Though he still falls short of exoneration, Trump doesn't let such details interfere with his own reality. When the Mueller investigation failed to find evidence of a criminal conspiracy between the Trump campaign and Russia, he insisted he was found "innocent."

Like the Senate's inevitable acquittal of Trump won't exonerate him, but he'll surely claim that it does. From his perspective, the proof is glaringly obvious: He's still president of the United States, isn't he? Moreover, the chaos that has been ascribed to the Trump White House since Day One looks like a special ops mission compared with the Democrats' recent unraveling.

Another folly has been playing out in Milwaukee, where two leaders of the host committee for the Democratic National Convention have been put on leave pending an investigation into what some staffers have described as a toxic work environment. Details of the alleged offenses



MIKE DE SISTI, MILWAUKEE JOURNAL-SENTINEL/AP

Liz Gilbert was fired Tuesday as president of the Milwaukee 2020 Host Committee for the Democratic National Convention.

haven't been made available, but a statement from the chief executive of the Democratic National Convention Committee, Joe Solomonese, may have provided hints.

"The Democratic Party is firm in our belief that every person deserves to feel safe and respected at their place of work and we will always take seriously claims of bullying and workplace harassment," Solomonese said. He added that the host committee's board of directors "is moving forward with a plan to restore an office culture that aligns with the values and expectations of our party."

Whatever that means. The definitions of bullying and harassment could mean anything from #MeToo-ish to merely boorish. The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported that experienced politicos who have worked with the committee described a "toxic culture rife with power struggles, backbiting and mismanagement." The two officials who were fired Tuesday, president Liz Gilbert and chief of staff Adam Alonso, were also accused of focusing on "accumulating power" rather

than "promoting Milwaukee," the Sentinel reported. As of this writing, neither Gilbert nor Alonso has commented on the allegations.

Alonso and Gilbert are apparently veterans of controversy. While working full time for the host committee, the two were criticized for continuing to work for New Jersey Democrats. On Monday, the New Jersey Democratic Party dropped Alonso's \$15,000-per-month consulting arrangement.

Controversy is never far away from politics, no matter what the party. And, though the host committee is an independent, civic group and not part of the Democratic National Convention Committee itself, it isn't helpful when a workplace scandal implying inappropriate behavior suddenly surfaces. Without enthusiasm and high morale, organizing a convention and raising the millions of dollars needed to fund the event would be a sentence equal to a Siberian labor camp. Or, say, a short stint in the Trump White House.

These things can happen to anyone, obviously, and streets, diamond fountains and thrones of gold, reaffirming the belief that, hallelujah, God sent Trump to make America great again.

There's plenty of time for Democrats to get their acts together and for Trump to pull another disqualifying caper. But for this all-important week, the story is that Trump is still winning — while Democratic candidates, who spent months of sweat and blood in a struggle for little lightning beneath their feet — waited in line to lose.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals S

New York and AP sports writer Beth Harris in Los Angeles contributed.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Penn State wins fifth straight Big Ten game

Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Patrick Chambers is on a quest to keep Penn State's basketball program hungry and humble as it surges in a successful season.

Lamar Stevens had 24 points and Myreon Jones made a career-high six three-pointers and scored 20 points, leading the 22nd-ranked Nittany Lions to a 75-70 win over No. 16 Michigan State on Tuesday night.

Penn State (17-5, 7-5 Big Ten) has won five straight games in the Big Ten for the first time and has become a contender in the conference during the second half of the regular season.

"It's great that we're in the position we're in," Chambers said. "But if you focus on that, that's when you start to slip."

The Spartans (16-7, 8-4) dropped consecutive games for the first time this season. They also lost to a Big Ten team at home for the first time this year.

Michigan State's Cassius Winston scored 25 points, but could not convert on two chances to pull into a tie in the closing seconds.

"It sure wasn't his fault," Spartans coach Tom Izzo said.

Winston certainly didn't get much help offensively from his teammates, none of whom scored in double digits.

Stevens made two free throws to give the Nittany Lions a three-point lead with 16 seconds left. Winston had an opportunity to tie the game with a three-point play on the ensuing possession, but missed the free throw.

Stevens then made two free throws to restore the three-point lead with 9.1 seconds left.

Winston missed a three-pointer the next time down the court.

"They made us scramble a bit, but I got a good look at the rim," he said. "That's a shot I usually make."

The Spartans were forced to foul Curtis Jones, who made two free throws to seal Penn State's first victory at Michigan State since 2009 and just the second in 25 games.

"It's great that we got a win here," Chambers acknowledged.

Penn State was in control for much of the game, leading by as much as 11 in the first half and by six at halftime. The Nittany Lions played with composure in the second half when the Spartans tried to rally.

"They were the stronger, tougher team," Izzo lamented. "We got nobody to blame, but ourselves."

No. 7 Duke 63, Boston College 55: Vernon Carey Jr. had 17 points and 10 rebounds to lead the visiting Blue Devils over the Eagles and give coach Mike Krzyzewski his 500th career Atlantic Coast Confer-



AL GOLDIS/AP

Penn State's Lamar Stevens, right, shoots against Michigan State's Xavier Tillman during the first half on Tuesday in East Lansing, Mich. Stevens scored 24 points.

ence victory.

Carey made a layup and then hit two free throws with about six minutes left during a 10-0 run that gave Duke (19-3, 9-2 ACC) the lead for good. Tre Jones scored 14 of his 18 points in the second half for the Blue Devils.

Derryck Thornton scored 21 points and Steffon Mitchell had 12 rebounds for Boston College (11-12, 5-7), which lost by 39 points at Duke on Dec. 31 but was coming off a one-point win at North Carolina.

Krzyzewski, the all-time winningest coach in Division I basketball, improved to 500-200 in the ACC regular season and tournament.

The Blue Devils finished 1-for-15 from three-point range and BC was 2-for-18. The lone three-pointer kept alive a long streak for Duke, which has made at least one three in 1,081 consecutive games, the second-longest active streak in the nation behind UNLV's 1,092 games.

No. 9 Maryland 56, Rutgers 51: Jalen

Smith had 14 points and 15 rebounds, Anthony Cowan Jr. scored 17 and the host Terrapins used a strong second half to beat the Scarlet Knights.

Maryland trailed 25-20 at halftime after shooting 24%. With Smith leading the way, the Terrapins (18-4, 8-3 Big Ten) emerged from the break with a 14-4 run and held off a late surge by Rutgers to improve to 13-0 at home.

Three free throws by Cowan put Maryland up 52-49 with 2:12 to go. Myles Johnson answered with a dunk, but the Scarlet Knights did not score again.

Smith, a 6-foot-10 sophomore, notched his fifth straight double-double and blocked six shots. He had a three-pointer and a three-point play in succession to put the Terps ahead 34-29, and the margin swelled to eight points before Rutgers (16-7, 7-5) rallied.

No. 11 Auburn 79, Arkansas 76 (OT): The Tigers' depth wore down the host Razorbacks, allowing the Tigers to rally in

regulation and hold on in overtime.

Samir Doughty scored 23 points, hitting two free throws in the final seconds of overtime, as Auburn overcame a 40-point game by Arkansas' Mason Jones.

The Razorbacks led 65-54 at the 5:59 mark on a Jalen Harris dunk, but the Tigers closed on a 15-4 run to force the extra period.

Arkansas (16-6, 4-5) was coming off a big win at Alabama but was unable to continue the momentum against the Tide's biggest rival.

No. 15 Kentucky 80, Mississippi State 72: Nick Richards scored a career-high 27 points, Immanuel Quickley added 21 and the host Wildcats beat the Bulldogs for the 14th straight time.

Seeking to regroup after last weekend's 75-66 loss at No. 11 Auburn, Kentucky (17-5, 7-2 Southeastern Conference) never trailed and led by as many as 14 midway through the second half.

The Wildcats were quicker and more physical against Mississippi State, outscoring the Bulldogs 38-34 in the paint and drawing fouls. They made 31 of 36 from the line.

Mississippi State (14-8, 5-4) got within 64-59 with 2:36 remaining, but Richards and Quickley closed the victory by combining to make 14 free throws.

After totaling just seven points and seven rebounds on Saturday, Richards bounced back big by making seven of 10 from the field and grabbing 11 rebounds. The 6-foot-11 junior also made 13 of 15 free throws.

D.J. Stewart Jr. and Robert Woodard II each had 15 points and Reggie Perry 14 points for the Bulldogs, who outrebounded Kentucky 40-37 but shot just 31%.

Nevada 88, Air Force 54: Jalen Harris scored a career-high 38 points and the host Wolf Pack overwhelmed the Falcons.

Harris reached 33 points with 9:58 remaining on a three-point play at a juncture when Air Force had only scored 35. He finished 12-for-21 shooting, including 6-for-8 from three-point range, and made all eight of his foul-shots.

It was the 6-foot-5 guard's second-straight game of 30 points or more and fifth of the season. He tied his previous career high of 31 points at home on Dec. 7.

Nevada (14-10, 7-5 Mountain West Conference) opened with a 23-9 lead and extended it to 44-22 at intermission. Harris' three-pointer with 11:47 left made it 64-33.

Nisre Zouzoua added 15 points for the Wolf Pack, who ended a two-game losing streak.

Lavelle Scottie scored 19 for the Falcons (9-14, 3-8), who have lost five straight and six of their last seven.

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Washington Capitals left wing Alex Ovechkin, left, celebrates his third goal of the night with center Nicklas Backstrom during the third period Tuesday in Washington. Ovechkin's hat trick gave him 40 goals for the season and the Capitals won 4-2.

Roundup

Beauvillier lifts Isles over Stars in OT

Associated Press

NEW YORK — With their hold on a playoff spot in the Eastern Conference faltering, the New York Islanders rallied from a late deficit to get a needed win.

Mathew Barzal tied tie score with just under four minutes remaining in the third period, and Anthony Beauvillier scored his second goal of the game 2:52 into overtime to give the Islanders a 4-3 win over the Dallas Stars on Tuesday night.

"This was a huge two points for us tonight," Beauvillier said. "Lot of character for us tonight."

After a strong start to the season that included a franchise-record 17-game point streak (15-0-2), New York has struggled to sustain success. The Islanders began the day clinging to the second wild card spot in the East, though they have games in hand on teams directly ahead of them.

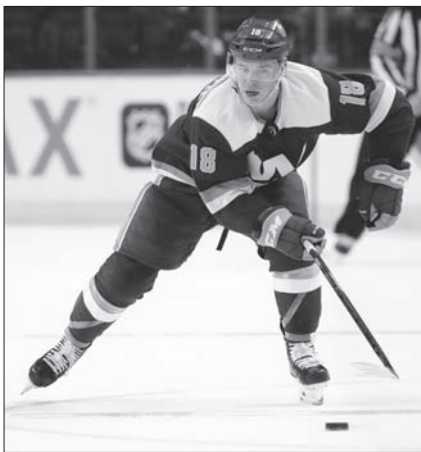
Derick Brassard also scored for the Islanders, who are 2-0-2 in their last four games but have just three wins in nine games (3-3-3). Semyon Varlamov made 28 saves to earn his 16th career win against the Stars, his most against any opponent.

John Klingberg, Denis Gurinov and Jason Dickinson scored for the Stars, while Ben Bishop made 37 saves.

Dallas, vying for a sweep of its three-game trip to the New York area, took a 3-2 lead 6:56 into the third period as Klingberg's shot from near the blue line managed to beat Varlamov. It was his first goal since Dec. 1.

Brock Nelson appeared to tie the score with 5:27 remaining, but the goal was taken off the board after Dallas challenged for goalie interference.

The Islanders' power play fi-



FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

The Islanders' forward Beauvillier chases down the puck during overtime of Tuesday's 4-3 win against the Dallas Stars in New York.

nally broke through on its fifth opportunity of the night when Barzal tied it.

"That's a good character test," Barry Trotz said. "When you get one called back and you're fighting for every point right now, and you have to get another one, and we did."

Beauvillier then beat Bishop on a breakaway in the extra period as the Islanders improved to 5-0-3 in Brooklyn this season.

"The bench was great," Trotz said. "They believe the game isn't over until the final buzzer goes."

Beauvillier opened the scoring 90 seconds into the game, beating Bishop with a backhand shot from the right side. It was his fourth goal in the last seven games. The goal also marked the eighth straight game that the Stars had allowed their opponent to score first.

"They came out ready to play," Bishop said. "They are a good team and they pounced early."

New York had two power plays in the first 10 minutes of the game, but was unable to double its lead.

A hat trick for Ovie

Washington captain reaches 698 career goals

By IAN QUILLLEN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Washington Capitals star Alex Ovechkin doesn't think he's ever been this hot in a 15-year career that has included eight NHL scoring titles.

If he continues at his present pace, he'll join the 700 career goal club by this weekend.

Ovechkin recorded his 27th career hat trick and raised his career goal total to 698 during a furious five-minute stretch of the third period, rallying Washington to a 4-2 victory over the Los Angeles Kings on Tuesday night.

With 14 goals in his last seven games, he's closer to becoming the eighth player in an elusive NHL club than many would've suspected a month ago. Though there isn't much time to reflect on it.

"Not yet," he said. "I'm still playing. But after the year, yeah, I'm pretty sure me and my family and my friends are going to talk about this."

Ovechkin's career-best recent flurry has pushed him to 40 goals on the season and back into the top spot in his chase of a ninth Maurice Richard Trophy, two ahead of Boston's David Pastrnak. The Capitals also lead the Bruins by a point in the race for the President's Cup.

And No. 700 could come as early as Saturday against the Philadelphia Flyers.

Even within this recent run, Tuesday night's performance to singlehandedly lift Washington to victory stood out.

With 6:10 remaining, just over two minutes after the Capitals fell behind, Ovechkin one-timed a feed from T.J. Oshie to tie the game at 2-all. Seventy seconds later, he rebounded his own miss off goaltender Jonathan Quick's pads and put Washington in front.

He added an empty-netter with 1:46 to play, moving within 10 goals of Mike Gartner for seventh on the NHL's all-time goals list.

John Carlson added his 14th goal and 50th and 51st assists for the Capitals.

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	54	32	10	12	76	181	137
Tampa Bay	53	32	15	5	71	182	147
Florida	52	29	17	6	64	188	171
Florida	53	28	18	6	63	191	176
Montreal	55	25	23	7	57	172	170
Buffalo	53	18	28	7	51	157	167
Edmonton	53	18	22	11	47	164	179
Detroit	52	18	26	8	44	159	177

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	54	36	13	5	77	197	160
Washington	53	32	14	8	72	174	153
Columbus	54	29	16	9	67	144	135
Colorado	54	28	16	6	64	188	150
Philadelphia	53	29	17	7	65	170	157
Carolina	53	30	20	3	63	169	145
N.Y. Rangers	51	25	22	4	54	166	166
New Jersey	52	30	20	2	46	141	190

Western Conference

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	54	32	14	8	72	174	153
Dallas	53	30	18	5	65	142	136
Colorado	54	28	16	6	64	188	150
Nashville	52	25	20	7	57	171	172
Chicago	54	26	21	7	57	169	166
Winnipeg	54	26	21	5	57	159	166
Minnesota	54	26	22	6	54	160	174

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	54	30	19	5	65	177	163
Edmonton	53	28	18	6	62	170	165
Vegas	55	27	21	7	61	170	166
Arizona	54	27	21	6	61	155	148
Calgary	54	26	21	6	60	161	168
San Jose	54	23	27	4	50	139	178
Anaheim	53	22	26	5	49	163	163
Los Angeles	54	19	30	5	43	133	171

Notes: Vegas won a wild-card game for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Monday's games

Florida 5, Toronto 3
Dallas 5, N.Y. Rangers 3
Philadelphia 3, Detroit 0

Tuesday's games

Colorado 6, Buffalo 1
Washington 4, Los Angeles 2
N.Y. Islanders 4, Dallas 3, OT
Tampa Bay 4, Vancouver 0
Boston 4, Florida 0, OT
Montreal 5, Ottawa 3, 50
Anaheim 3, New Jersey 2, SO
St. Louis 4, Carolina 3
Nashville 2, Winnipeg 1, OT
Minnesota 3, Chicago 2, OT
San Jose 3, Calgary 1
Arizona 3, Edmonton 0

Wednesday's games

Toronto at N.Y. Rangers
Boston at Chicago

Thursday's games

Anaheim at Philadelphia
Detroit at Buffalo
Philadelphia 3, N.Y. Islanders
New Jersey at Philadelphia
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay
Vegas at Florida
Colorado at Ottawa
Vancouver at Minnesota
Winnipeg at St. Louis
Chicago at Arizona
Nashville at Calgary
San Jose at Edmonton

Friday's games

Anaheim at Toronto
Buffalo at N.Y. Rangers
Detroit at Carolina
Minnesota at Dallas

NBA



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

Los Angeles Lakers forward LeBron James is swarmed by teammates after making five three-point shots in a row during the Lakers' 129-102 defeat of the San Antonio Spurs on Tuesday in Los Angeles.

LeBron is three-mendous in Lakers' rout of Spurs

Scores 36 points with five 3-pointers in 3-minute span

By GREG BEACHAM
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — LeBron James absorbed contact and tumbled to the court while his fifth three-pointer in a three-minute span dropped through the net. The Los Angeles Lakers' entire roster left the bench and crossed the court, gleefully picking up their leader while a sellout crowd roared.

"That's what we're all about," James said. "Our team, anytime anyone is having success in the game, we cheer like it's our own. So having that camaraderie, having that brotherhood, even though they're beating you up, it's just a pretty cool feeling."

Nine days after Kobe Bryant's death, the Lakers finally had an evening that felt like a return to normalcy.

Well, as normal as anything can be when King James is performing feats of basketball brilliance.

James scored 19 of his 36 points in the fourth quarter with that incredible three-point barrage, propelling the Lakers to a 129-102 victory over the San Antonio Spurs on Tuesday night.

James added nine assists and seven rebounds, while Anthony Davis and Kyle Kuzma had 18 points apiece as the Lakers beat San Antonio for the third time, sweeping the season series.

After the Spurs chipped away at the Lakers' big lead late in the third quarter, James and Kuzma

put the game away with a combined seven three-pointers in 3½ minutes to start the fourth. James' shots seemed to increase in difficulty with each possession, but he buried them all.

"When the guy gets hot like that, it's always fun to watch him," Davis said, laughing at the Lakers' group celebration after the final three. "It wasn't the plan. We all just kind of ran over there and jumped on him."

DeMar DeRozan had 28 points, nine rebounds and seven assists in his hometown for the Spurs, who have lost five of seven.

San Antonio was out rebounded 58-28 by the bigger Lakers, and the Spurs grabbed only three rebounds in the fourth quarter while the Lakers went 16-for-24 from the field.

When asked what the Spurs can do when James gets rolling, coach Gregg Popovich quipped: "Make sure you get good pictures."

Bryn Forbes added 13 points, but one night after the Spurs blew a late lead in a three-point loss to the Clippers, they returned to Staples Center and fell to 0-2 in their eight-game road trip.

"As a competitor, it's what you want to play against," DeRozan said of the LA back-to-back. "I don't look at it like it's being tough. It's part of the job, part of the game, and as a competitor you want to compete against the best. You worry about the toll afterwards."

NBA scoreboard

Eastern Conference				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	36	14	72.0	
Boston	34	15	69.4	1½
Philadelphia	31	20	60.8	5½
Brooklyn	22	27	44.9	13½
New York	15	36	29.4	21½
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	34	15	69.4	—
Orlando	22	28	44.0	12½
Washington	17	32	34.7	17½
Charlotte	16	35	31.4	19
Atlanta	13	38	25.5	22
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	43	7	86.0	—
Indiana	31	19	62.0	12
Chicago	19	33	36.5	25
Detroit	18	34	34.6	26
Cleveland	13	38	25.5	30½
Western Conference				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	32	18	64.0	—
Dallas	31	19	62.0	1
Memphis	25	25	50.0	6
San Antonio	22	28	44.0	10
New Orleans	13	38	25.5	12½
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	35	16	68.6	2
Portland	32	17	65.3	2
Oklahoma City	30	20	60.0	4½
Phoenix	28	28	50.0	12
Minnesota	15	34	30.6	19
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	38	11	77.6	—
L.A. Clippers	35	15	70.0	—
Phoenix	20	30	40.0	18½
Sacramento	19	31	38.0	19½
Golden State	12	39	23.5	27
Tuesday's games				
Milwaukee 120, New Orleans 108				
Houston 125, Charlotte 110				
Denver 127, Portland 99				
L.A. Lakers 129, San Antonio 102				
Wednesday's games				
Phoenix at Detroit				
Golden State at Brooklyn				
Indiana at Toronto				
Orlando at Boston				
Atlanta at Minnesota				
Cleveland at Oklahoma City				
Memphis at Dallas				
Denver at Utah				
Miami at L.A. Clippers				
Thursday's games				
Orlando at New York				
New Orleans at Chicago				
Philadelphia at Milwaukee				
San Antonio at Portland				
Houston at L.A. Lakers				

Roundup

Jokic lifts Nuggets past Trail Blazers

Associated Press

DENVER — Nikola Jokic finished an assist shy of a triple-double in just three quarters Tuesday, and Gary Harris helped keep hot-shooting Damian Lillard in check as the Denver Nuggets routed the Portland Trail Blazers 127-99.

Jokic had 29 points and 13 rebounds as the Nuggets improved to 8-0 against Northwest Division rivals this season. They held Lillard to 21 points, ending his string of eight straight games with at least 30. Lillard was 8-for-23 from the floor, predominantly with Harris and Torrey Craig taking turns shadowing him.

"Everybody was connected," said Jokic. "Everybody had the same goal — to stop Dame."

Denver led by 34 in the third, and Jokic was given the final quarter off. The short-handed Nuggets were without Paul Millsap (bruised left knee), Mason Plumlee (right foot) and Michael Porter Jr. (right ankle). Jamal Murray returned to the lineup after missing 10 games with a sprained left ankle. He finished with 20 points.

"I didn't have as many clean looks, but I still feel like I had some looks that I could have made," Lillard said. "I thought they got away with a lot, too, just being physical."

Bucks 120, Pelicans 108: Giannis Antetokounmpo had 34 points and 17 rebounds in Milwaukee's victory at New Orleans.

Khris Middleton scored 20 for the Bucks, who led by 19 in the third quarter before holding off a Pelicans rally in the fourth.

Brandon Ingram scored 32 points and Zion Williamson had 20 for New Orleans, which briefly got as close as seven twice in the fourth period before Milwaukee stemmed the tide and improved to 20-4 away from home this season.

Williamson was 5-for-19 shooting and the Pelicans were minus-11 with their rookie sensation on the court.

Rockets 125, Hornets 110: James Harden had 40 points and 11 assists, and short-handed Houston overcame an early deficit to defeat Charlotte.

The Rockets won their third straight, handing the Hornets their fourth consecutive loss and 12th in 13 games.

Harden finished a rebound shy of a triple-double after also scoring 40 points but falling one assist short of a triple-double in Houston's last game. He's scored at least 35 points in his past three games after struggling through a shooting slump over his previous four.

The Rockets played without starters Clint Capela and Russell Westbrook. Charlotte led early in the fourth quarter before Houston used a 15-2 run to take control.

Miles Bridges and Terry Rozier had 20 points each for the Hornets.

Sources: Covington, Capela on move in four-team trade

By TIM REYNOLDS
Associated Press

Robert Covington is going to the Houston Rockets and Clint Capela is going to the Atlanta Hawks as the headline moves in a complicated trade that was struck early Wednesday involving four teams, 12 players and at least three draft picks, according to two people familiar with the situation.

Among the key components, according to the people who spoke on condition of anonymity because the trade had not received league approval: Covington and Jordan Bell will join the Rockets from Minnesota, Capela and Nene are leaving the Rockets for the Hawks, the Timberwolves added soon-to-be restricted free agents Malik Beasley and Juancho Hernangomez from Denver and the Nuggets got Shabazz Napier from Minnesota plus a first-round pick from Houston.

ESPN and The Athletic first reported the trade, which was subsequently confirmed by other outlets.

It was not immediately clear if a call with NBA attorneys to review and approve the trade would hap-

pen on Wednesday or Thursday. The league's trade deadline is Thursday afternoon.

Also in the deal: Jarred Vanderbilt is leaving Denver for Minnesota, and the Nuggets are getting Keita Bates-Diop and Noah Vonleh from the Timberwolves as well as Evan Turner from the Hawks. Gerald Green — who is out with a season-long foot injury — also goes to Denver from Houston to help make the math work and is likely to be waived once the deal is final. Atlanta will also have to make another move to finalize the trade since it must first clear a roster spot.

The biggest takeaway from the deal would seem to be that this commitment to Houston to keeping the small-ball lineup that it has employed with much success of late. Capela was the only center that the Rockets have consistently played this season — and they're 10-1 in games without him. Houston could still look to acquire another big man for depth through another trade or potentially after a buyout, and this trade gives the Rockets some financial flexibility to do so.

GOLF/COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Going, going, gone

Golf's rulers looking at equipment to slow rate of increased distances

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Golfers at all levels keep hitting the ball farther, and the game's governing bodies plan to do something about it by going after the one area they can control — equipment.

The USGA and the R&A on Tuesday released their "Distance Insights Project," which revealed a steady increase in distance for more than 100 years — with average gains of about 30 yards by PGA Tour players in the last 25 years — and golf courses that keep expanding.

"We believe this continuing cycle of courses increasing in length is a cycle we want to break," said Mike Davis, chief executive of the USGA.

The report attributes the distance gains to modern clubs and golf balls, improved athleticism and training, swing techniques geared toward hitting it longer and course conditions with tightly mowed fairways that allow for extra roll.

But the report made clear the governing bodies are targeting equipment as it seeks solutions.

"We also recognize that this assessment should not focus on player-related factors that contribute to increased distance, such as improved athleticism and swing techniques, for the desire to improve is integral to the game and is to be encouraged," the report summary said. "Accordingly, we expect the main topic for research and assessment to be potential changes in the equipment rules."

Among the possibilities is using specific golf balls or clubs that result in players not hitting it as far.

The report said equipment committees for the USGA and R&A would look into the option of a local rule "that would specify use of clubs and/or balls intended to result in shorter hitting distances."

That suggests the possibility of tour players using different equipment than recreational players under the guise of a local rule, though the report said any golfer can choose to play with equipment that goes shorter.

"We're still committed to a single set of rules," said Thomas Pagel, the USGA's senior managing director of governance.

The governing bodies also plan to review equipment testing standards to make sure they are effective in limiting distance.

"The intended purpose of this review is to consider whether any existing specifications should be adjusted or any new specifications should be created to help mitigate the continuing distance increase," the report said. "It is not currently intended to consider

By the numbers

263

Distance, in yards, of the average drive on the PGA Tour in 1995.

286

Distance, in yards, of the average drive on the PGA Tour and European Tours in 2003.

310

Distance, in yards, of the average drive on the PGA Tour and European Tours in 2019.

SOURCE: Distance Insights Project

revising the overall specifications in a way that would produce substantial reductions in hitting distances at all levels of the game."

Less clear is when any changes can be expected.

The USGA and R&A said they will publish a specific set of research topics within 45 days. After that, they will gather feedback that could take up to a year, and when comments and research are finished, manufacturers would receive notice of any changes. That would begin a new round of feedback.

Even so, it was the strongest signal yet that the two groups that set the rules worldwide want to rein in distance.

The USGA governs the U.S. and Mexico. The R&A governs the rest of the world. They published a "Joint Statement of Principles" in 2002 that said "any further significant increases in hitting distances at the highest level are undesirable."

"Golf is a game of skill, a broad range of skills, and no one skill should dominate," R&A chief executive Martin Slumbers said from St. Andrews.

Officials have become concerned in recent years over a style known as "bomb and gouge," meaning distance is more valuable than accuracy. Some players no longer worry if a big tee shot lands in the rough because they have shorter distances to the green, often with a wedge in hand.



AP, Golis/AP

Michigan State's Mark Dantonio said he is stepping down after going 114-57 in 13 seasons as the Spartans' head football coach.

Michigan State's Dantonio says he's retiring after a 13-year run

By NOAH TRISTER
Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — From "pride comes before the fall" to Little Giants, Mark Dantonio leaves Michigan State fans with an abundance of fond memories after bringing the Spartans to heights they hadn't reached in decades.

Dantonio announced his retirement Tuesday, ending a 13-year run in which his teams won three Big Ten titles and he became the school's winningest coach. The 63-year-old Dantonio called his decision a difficult one while noting the nonstop demands of the job.

"I just found myself never having the opportunity to come up for air, and that can wear on you," he said Tuesday night at a news conference.

Dantonio won 114-57 as Michigan State's coach and won Big Ten titles in 2010, 2013 and 2015. The last of those three seasons included a trip to the College Football Playoff, but the Spartans declined after that. They went 7-6 this past season.

Defensive coordinator Mike Tressel will be the acting head coach while Michigan State seeks a replacement for Dantonio, who said qualified candidates would be willing to crawl to campus for the job.

Michigan State athletic director Bill Beekman said he will seek Dantonio's input on the search for his successor. Dantonio plans to have a role within the athletic department.

Beekman acknowledged the timing isn't ideal to search for a new football coach.

"There are times that are better than other times," he said.

DID YOU KNOW?

Michigan State coach Mark Dantonio is retiring after 13 seasons. Some of his career achievements:

- His teams were 114-57.
- His teams won Big Ten titles in 2010, 2013 and 2015.
- His teams went 8-5 against Michigan despite losing to the Wolverines the past two seasons.

SOURCE: Associated Press

"But I think when you've won 114 games, you're our all-time winningest coach, and you've taken us to the places Mark has taken us and you've set the bar where Mark set it, I was comfortable operating on his timeline whatever that would be."

"We'll find a very good coach." The Spartans have fallen from the Big Ten's elite in recent years, but only after Dantonio brought Michigan State to the top echelon of the league — and the nation — during a terrific stretch from 2010-15. He won at least 11 games five times in that six-year span — the first time a Big Ten coach had done that.

A turning point in his tenure occurred in 2010, when the Spartans memorably beat Notre Dame on a fake field goal in overtime. The trick play was called "Little Giants" — and Dantonio had a heart attack in the immediate aftermath of that victory. He returned to coach his team soon after and led Michigan State to a share of the Big Ten title.

The Spartans went to the conference title game three of the next five years after that, winning it twice.

Michigan State also dominated

its heated rivalry with Michigan for much of Dantonio's tenure. In 2007, his first season at the helm, the Spartans lost to the Wolverines. Afterward, Michigan's Mike Hart referred to Michigan State as a little brother. Dantonio responded by warning the Wolverines that "pride comes before the fall" — and the Spartans won four straight meetings after that.

Even after losing to Michigan the last two seasons, Dantonio ended up going 8-5 against the Wolverines.

The Spartans went just 27-24 in the four seasons since their playoff appearance, and Dantonio's future was the topic of speculation in 2019. He seemed to put some of that to rest in November, when he said he planned to be back next season.

Then came Tuesday's news.

"Every February since 2007, I have reset this program in preparation for the next year's challenges. After much reflection and discussion with my family, I feel that it is now time for change as we enter into a new decade of Michigan State football," he said in a statement earlier in the day.

Beekman became athletic director in 2018. Mark Hollis, the previous AD, had retired following the sex abuse scandal involving Larry Nassar, a former Michigan State sports doctor who also worked for USA Gymnastics. Hollis' departure came just before ESPN reported allegations of sexual assault and violence against women involving Michigan State football and basketball players.

In 2017, four players were dismissed from the football team after criminal sexual conduct charges were brought against them.

NFL/OLYMPICS

New century of NFL brings new questions

By BARRY WILNER
Associated Press

MIAMI — The NFL's centennial season concluded with a championship a half-century in the making.

Now that the Kansas City Chiefs have ended that 50-year drought and own their second NFL championship, the focus will turn mostly elsewhere in what could be a very busy offseason.

The NFL really never goes away, so even as their fans will chant and do the Tomahawk Chop when the Chiefs have their celebratory parade, questions will arise on all fronts.

Here are some things to contemplate:

QB carousel

It starts — some might say it ends — with Tom Brady. For the first time in his six-ring career, the 42-year-old Brady is on the market. Maybe the fact the Patriots went 4-4 in the second half of the schedule, blew a bye in the AFC playoffs with a last-week loss at home to the lowly Dolphins, and then went out, also at home, to Tennessee in a wild-card game, made New England think twice about spending multi-millions on a middle-aged man whose skills just might be declining.

While it still seems likely Patriots owner Robert Kraft will pony up the bucks — say a two-year deal in which the second season can be voided without too much cost to the team — it's fun to think of other landing spots for pro football's most successful quarterback.

Try the Chargers if they are looking to make, uh, a charge into the new stadium they will share with the Rams. Brady would be an intriguing addition down the road from Hollywood, particularly if Philip Rivers is done with the Bolts.

Or the Raiders to make a splash in Sin City, though Derek Carr isn't exactly headed out the door.

Though wouldn't Brady want to go to a potential contender seeking a winning QB to push it to the top? Perhaps Tennessee, where former teammate Mike Vrabel is the coach? Chicago with its strong defense?

Brady and Rivers hardly are the only options likely available. Cam Newton, Nick Foles, Joe Flacco, Marcus Mariota, Andy Dalton, Ryan Tannehill, and perhaps Jameis Winston could be out there.

Pass interference woes

The adjustment to the pass interference



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Carolina Panthers quarterback Cam Newton arrives for the NFL Honors football award show Saturday. Newton is one of several big-name quarterbacks who could be free agents this offseason.

rules that allowed video reviews was a flop. Coaches who were so adamant about needing a change after the egregiously botched call in the NFC title game a year ago got little to no traction with their challenges. Interference became an even murkier proposition.

Will the powerful competition committee recommend more alterations? Or to drop the modification altogether?

Labor and 17 games

Commissioner Roger Goodell has been encouraged by negotiations toward a new

collective bargaining agreement. The current 10-year deal expires in March 2021, but the league in particular is eager to get a contract finalized well before that. Indeed, well before next season.

Union officials are being coy, but simply the fact both sides have been meeting semi-regularly and reaching accords on a variety of issues is good news.

The public expects the main sticking point to be expanding the regular season by one game, which would include reducing the preseason, probably adding another bye week, and pushing the Super Bowl back into mid-February. Player safety con-

cerns need to be paramount in any such discussions.

But 17 games could be a done deal if the union gets, say, three or four more roster spots per franchise. That's anywhere from 96 to 128 additional jobs.

Whither Tua?

Cincinnati doesn't need to wait until April 23 to announce LSU All-America quarterback Joe Burrow as the top overall draft choice. That's a no-brainer, even for the Bengals.

And the second pick, barring injury, is not a mystery either: Ohio State defensive beast Chase Young to Washington, which already has its QB in Young's former teammate, Dwayne Haskins.

So where does Tua Tagovailoa wind up? Does the projected No. 1 guy just a few months ago fall in the first round? The Alabama left-hander was sidelined in the ninth game with a major hip injury that could slow his debut, perhaps until 2021.

So does Detroit decide Tagovailoa can be the heir to Matthew Stafford? Does Miami get Tua at No. 5 or need to move up for what could be its franchise quarterback — or is that too much of a gamble because Tagovailoa could be an injury-prone player with an uncertain medical future?

See what we mean about plenty of questions in NFL 101?



VASHA HUNT/AP

Alabama quarterback Tua Tagovailoa has entered the NFL Draft. Once projected as the first overall pick, he may even fall out of the first round because of his recovery from a major hip injury.

WADA unhappy with reach of US anti-doping bill

By EDDIE PELLIS
Associated Press

The World Anti-Doping Agency sent a letter to U.S. Senators explaining how a bill designed to deter drug cheats in international sports would, instead, "have the unintended consequences of shattering the anti-doping system" if it is passed without changes.

The document, obtained by The Associated Press, was sent this week at the request of a Senate committee that is holding a hearing Wednesday in which it will hear testimony about the Rodchenkov Act.

The House passed the bill last

year, and WADA has hired a lobbying firm to engage Congress for changes in the legislation triggered by a Russia cheating scheme that has shaken the global Olympic movement for the past five years.

The six-page WADA letter does, in fact, say the agency "supports the overall objectives of the legislation." The letter also goes into extensive detail about provisions it says would create a "chaotic World Anti-Doping system with no legal predictability."

The measure, named after the Moscow lab director who blew the whistle on Russia's cheating at the 2014 Sochi Olympics,

calls for fines of up to \$1 million and prison sentences of up to 10 years for those who participate in schemes designed to influence international sports competitions through doping. (Individual athletes who get caught doping would not be subject to punishment under the law.)

It would also allow the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency to obtain information collected by federal investigators, which could help in prosecuting anti-doping cases.

The WADA letter had a long list of concerns, notably over the "extraterritorial" jurisdiction the bill proposes — a clause that would allow U.S. authorities

to pursue those who perpetuate doping schemes at international events in which Americans are involved as athletes, sponsors or broadcasters. Many U.S. corruption laws, including those used to prosecute FIFA executives in the soccer-bidding scandal, include similar extraterritorial jurisdiction.

The athlete-advocacy group FairSport sent out a news release responding to the WADA document, giving a point-by-point rebuttal of the clauses with which the agency disagrees. In that statement, Rodchenkov's attorney, Jim Walden, said similar laws with extraterritorial juris-

diction weren't always popular "with corrupt nations."

The act "will do the same in the fight against doping fraud deployed by gangster states who hijack international sports competitions," Walden said.

At meetings last November, WADA officials took criticism for lobbying efforts on the bill.

"If we, as payers to you, use those funds to undermine legislation, then that's not going to be a cooperative and effective way to go forward," said Kendel Ehrlich, the U.S. government representative on WADA's foundation board.

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MLB

BIG DEAL

Betts, Price sent to Dodgers

By JIMMY GOLEN
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BOSTON — Banking on Mookie Betts to be the missing piece in their World Series pursuit, the Los Angeles Dodgers finally pulled off a blockbuster deal with the cost-cutting Red Sox.

Boston agreed to trade the 2018 AL MVP to the Dodgers on Tuesday night, according to two people with knowledge of the deal, packaging Betts with left-hander David Price in a salary dump designed to save the Red Sox tens of millions of dollars and help them dip below baseball's luxury tax threshold.

The Dodgers, eager for a World Series title after losing in the 2017 and '18 Fall Classics, are sending outfielder Alex Verdugo back to the Red Sox. The deal also involves the Minnesota



Price

Twins, who are getting right-hander Kenta Maeda from the Dodgers and sending pitching prospect Brusdar Graterol to Boston. Los Angeles will also get cash from Boston to offset some of the \$123 million

owed to Betts and Price, but the exact amount was not yet known.

The people spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the trade, pending the exchange of medical information, had not been announced.

Betts, who will earn \$27 million

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Boston outfielder Mookie Betts was the 2018 AL MVP and helped lead the Red Sox to a World Series title.

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